

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 854

*Commending Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home is celebrating 65 years of providing top-quality funeral services in the Roanoke Valley region in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home was founded as a partnership between Lawrence H. Hamlar and Harry C. Curtis, Jr., on February 3, 1952, and Marilyn Curtis was made a formal partner when the company incorporated; and

WHEREAS, after a fire almost destroyed Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home in 1959, the company rebuilt and expanded, and continued to grow steadily during the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home expanded again in 1972, and L. Douglas Wilder, a friend of both families and a future Governor of the Commonwealth, gave the keynote address at the dedication ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home serves Roanoke, Salem, Bedford, Lexington, Franklin County, Montgomery County, and surrounding communities, and the company is now under the ownership of the second and third generations of the Curtis and Hamlar families; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hamlar and Curtis families are very civic minded and they have served on various boards and organizations that have made a positive difference in the lives of many residents of the Roanoke Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home staff of licensed funeral directors are members of the Western District Funeral Directors Association, Virginia Morticians Association, Virginia Funeral Directors Association, and National Funeral Directors & Embalmers Association; and

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home has not only survived but thrived for six decades because of its faithful and dedicated employees, who consistently ensure the company maintains its reputation of quality, professional service; and

WHEREAS, two members of the Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home staff have served the company for more than 40 years: Funeral Service Licensee Fred Galloway and Funeral Attendant Richard Broady; and

WHEREAS, Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home consistently provides the best possible service, treating all families with dignity, respect, and compassion; for six decades the company has adhered to the motto "Your interest is the heart of our business"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home on celebrating the 65th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to H. Clarke Curtis and Michael Lawrence Hamlar, owners of Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the company's longevity and success in providing quality funeral services to the Roanoke Valley region.

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