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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 320

Offered January 20, 2017

Celebrating the life of Robert Worthington Nunnally Smith, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Robert Worthington Nunnally Smith, Sr., an advertising and printing company executive and highly esteemed member of the Petersburg community, died on November 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Robert Worthington Nunnally "Wert" Smith, Sr., was a native of Petersburg and a son of the late William Roy and Virginia Lee Smith; and

WHEREAS, Wert Smith graduated in 1963 from Petersburg High School, then studied at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, for many years Wert Smith led the Smith Advertising Company in Petersburg and later was publisher of The Dietz Press, part of Owen Printing Company; and

WHEREAS, Wert Smith loved his community, church, friends, family, and University of Virginia basketball, and he was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, Wert Smith cherished the friendships he made over the years; he especially enjoyed swapping stories and sharing meals with his Dixie Restaurant lunch buddies, fellow Kiwanians, Petersburg Old Geezers Organization friends, and Indian Swamp Fishing Club compadres; and

WHEREAS, Wert Smith was a respected civic leader in Petersburg, active in the Jaycees, United Way of Southside Virginia, Tri-Cities Forum, and local Chamber of Commerce; he also helped found the Petersburg Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Wert Smith will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Patricia; their children, Susan, Robert, and Anne, and their families; and many other relatives and friends who will cherish his memory and the stories he left behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Worthington Nunnally Smith, Sr., an advertising and publishing company executive and highly esteemed member of the Petersburg community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Worthington Nunnally Smith, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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