

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 335

Offered January 25, 2017

*Celebrating the life of Ronald Lee Slemph.*

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WHEREAS, Ronald Lee Slemph of Wise County, a farmer known for his work with horses and a hardworking coal miner who was committed to the safety of his fellow miners, died on November 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Pound High School, Ronald Slemph pursued a career in the coal industry and was an employee of Paramount Coal Company for 40 years, including 35 years as a lead foreman on a surface mine; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to safety, Ronald Slemph always placed the welfare of his miners first and implemented several devices of his own design to make operations safer; he was highly admired for his effective leadership and meticulous planning of operations, and he served as a trusted mentor to many young miners; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Slemph also worked as a cattle farmer and was an avid supporter of the VA-KY District Fair, serving as the horse show chair since 2003; he put his attention to detail and planning ability to use to make sure that the horse show was the best it could be for both the riders and attendees; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Slemph will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 42 years, Ginger; children, Michelle, Shannon, and Pete, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ronald Lee Slemph, a hardworking farmer and coal miner in Wise County; 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 Ronald Lee Slemph as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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