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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 436

Offered February 21, 2017

Celebrating the life of Abram H. Clymer.

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WHEREAS, Abram H. Clymer, a respected entrepreneur who owned numerous businesses in the Harrisonburg area and who inspired others through his deep and abiding faith, died on September 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Abram "Abe" H. Clymer earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and California, before returning to Virginia to settle in Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Abe Clymer opened the Harrisonburg Centerpoint Bookstore, which specialized in Christian literature, and expanded the business to six locations, four of which were purchased by Family Christian Stores in 1999; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long career in business, Abe Clymer also owned or co-owned Preston Cleaners, Chasen's Deli and Bakery, and a DQ Grill & Chill; he was well-known for handing out business cards that featured a coupon for a free Dairy Queen Blizzard on the back; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 63, Abe Clymer became the development director of Wingfield Ministries, an evangelical organization that stages festivals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Harrisonburg, Abe Clymer completed mission trips to China, Russia, Romania, South Africa, Colombia, Pakistan, and India; he also served as district governor for Rotary International District 7570, which covers western Virginia and northeastern Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Abe Clymer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Shirley; children, Angela and Eric, 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 Abram H. Clymer, an admired entrepreneur, a man of deep faith, and a pillar of the Harrisonburg 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 Abram H. Clymer as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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