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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

Offered January 31, 2017

Celebrating the life of Eugene H. Farley, Jr.

Patron—Newman

WHEREAS, Eugene H. Farley, Jr., a native of Blackstone and a resident of Lynchburg, who was an icon of the credit union movement at the state, national, and international levels, died on December 9, 2016, at the age of 82, after a long and constructive career of service to not-for-profit credit unions, his church, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Farley served the Commonwealth's credit unions from 1959 until his retirement in 1999, including 33 years as president of the Virginia Credit Union League; through his vision and diligence, he provided the foundation upon which the Commonwealth's credit unions have reached unprecedented heights with a combined 10.8 million member-owners and \$130 billion in assets; and

WHEREAS, as a leader and innovator, Gene Farley left his imprint on the credit union movement, having helped organize 35 credit unions, tirelessly advocated for credit unions in both the legislative and regulatory arenas, and led many initiatives that provided credit unions with the tools and opportunities to successfully compete in the financial services marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Gene Farley served in numerous leadership roles nationally and internationally through the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), the World Council of Credit Unions, CUNA Mutual Group, U.S. Central Credit Union, the American Association of Credit Union Leagues, the National Credit Union Foundation, the Filene Research Institute, Virginia League Corporate Federal Credit Union, and Beacon Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, state and national awards that annually honor exceptional achievement and exemplary leadership within the credit union community are named in honor of Gene Farley, reflecting his leadership, integrity, and expertise in the field; and

WHEREAS, Gene Farley was admired for his devotion to his community, having been an active volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Freemasons, and a driving force behind the construction of a Heart Havens facility in Lynchburg, a nonprofit organization that provides residential support to adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Gene Farley was devoted to his church family as a faithful member of Timberlake United Methodist Church for 53 years where he served as board chair, trustee, and worship leader for many years; he led the committees on finance, building, and pastor-parish relations, in addition to being a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and representative at the annual Virginia United Methodist Conference; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Gene Farley exemplified the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People" and always strove to extend to others friendship and warmth in a manner befitting a true gentleman; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Eugene H. Farley, Jr., a respected leader in the credit union movement who made countless contributions to the Lynchburg community, the Commonwealth, and the world; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Eugene H. Farley, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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