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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 159

Offered January 25, 2018

Celebrating the life of Gary Lee Eaton.

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Patrons—Hurst; Senator: Edwards

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6 WHEREAS, Gary Lee Eaton, a patriotic veteran, dedicated public servant, and active community
7 leader in Rich Creek, died on July 14, 2017; and
8 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Rich Creek, Gary Eaton studied machine technology at Virginia
9 Western Community College; and
10 WHEREAS, Gary Eaton honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army
11 during the Vietnam War, earning the Army Commendation Medal; and
12 WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Gary Eaton ran for and was elected
13 to the Rich Creek Town Council; he served as Mayor of Rich Creek from 1990 to 2003 and was
14 reelected as mayor in 2009; and
15 WHEREAS, Gary Eaton also offered his leadership to the community as chair of the Giles County
16 Board of Supervisors and as a member of the Giles County Public Service Authority Board of Directors,
17 Carilion Giles Community Hospital Board of Directors, and the New River Valley Planning District
18 Commission; and
19 WHEREAS, Gary Eaton was active with the American Legion, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign
20 Wars, and the Freemasons, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Glen Lyn
21 Church of Christ; and
22 WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Dreama, Gary Eaton will be greatly missed and fondly
23 remembered by his loving wife of 11 years, Marsha; daughters, Dina and Denise, and their families; and
24 numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it
25 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby
26 note with great sadness the loss of Gary Lee Eaton, a respected veteran, public servant, and leader in
27 Giles County; and, be it
28 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
29 for presentation to the family of Gary Lee Eaton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for
30 his memory.