

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 321

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Edwin H. Ragsdale.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 1, 2018

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edwin H. Ragsdale, a dedicated public servant, community leader, and former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, died on September 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in DeWitt in Dinwiddie County, Edwin "Buddy" H. Ragsdale attended Varina High School and Richmond Business College; he served his country as a member of the United States Army and safeguarded the Henrico County community as a law-enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Ragsdale enjoyed a successful career as a real estate developer with Ragsdale Realty Company, and he was a former chair of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, working to enhance the quality of life of his fellow residents, Buddy Ragsdale served on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors for multiple terms and was elected chair; he played an instrumental role in bringing the first public library to Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Buddy Ragsdale ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1971; he represented the residents of Henrico County in the 34th District for two terms and later represented the residents of New Kent County and parts of Hanover County and King William County in the 97th District; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a state legislator, Buddy Ragsdale introduced and supported numerous important pieces of legislation to strengthen the Commonwealth and improve the lives of all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Ragsdale generously volunteered his time and wise leadership with Ruritan National and promoted fellowship, goodwill, and community service throughout the nation as the organization's national president in 1966; he was also a member of the Thomas N. Davis Masonic Lodge No. 0351 for nearly 65 years; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Ragsdale will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 66 years, Juanita; his children, Lynette and Duane, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Edwin H. Ragsdale, a consummate public servant and a respected member of the Richmond 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 the Honorable Edwin H. Ragsdale as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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