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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 370

Offered February 26, 2018

Celebrating the life of Winfred William Ortts.

Patrons—Gilbert; Senators: Obenshain and Vogel

WHEREAS, Winfred William Ortts, a devoted husband and father, active Shenandoah County resident, and respected business leader who ran Ortts Electric for over 35 years, died on November 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Woodstock, Winfred William "Bill" Ortts began his career as an employee of Shenandoah Telecommunications Company; after starting a successful side business as an electrician, he formed his own company, Ortts Electric, in 1967; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Ortts' able leadership, Ortts Electric forged strong relationships with its customers and eventually expanded its services to include plumbing and air conditioning as well as electrical work; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ortts retired in 2002 and passed control of Ortts Electric to his son; today, the company employs 20 people; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his success in business, Bill Ortts was an active citizen who served on the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors from 1984 to 1995 and as a board member with the Shenandoah County Fair Association; and

WHEREAS, a man of strong faith who attended Woodstock Christian Church, Bill Ortts was also a charter member of Woodstock Moose Lodge No. 575 and a member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ortts will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 60 years, Kitty; his son, Charles, and his family; and many other family members, friends, and Shenandoah County residents; 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 Winfred William Ortts, a civic and business leader who gave exemplary service to the Shenandoah County 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 Winfred William Ortts as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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