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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 372

Offered February 26, 2018

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Joshua L. Robinson.

Patrons—Gilbert; Senator: Obenshain

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joshua L. Robinson, a lifelong resident of Luray and a former chief judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, died on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Luray, Joshua Robinson was born to a family of Lithuanian immigrants and graduated from Luray High School as valedictorian; he continued his education at the University of Virginia, where he received a bachelor's degree and served in the United States Naval Reserve; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Joshua Robinson served the nation as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater of the war; after his honorable military service, he earned a law degree from the University of Virginia, where he was named to the Order of the Coif and the editorial board of the *Virginia Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Robinson opened a law firm on Court Street in Luray in 1949 and served the community in private practice until 1972, when he was appointed as a circuit court judge and then chief judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, serving the Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren and the Cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester, Joshua Robinson presided over the court with fairness, compassion, and wisdom until his well-earned retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, as a judge, Joshua Robinson served the Commonwealth and the community with the utmost integrity and dedication, and he earned the respect and admiration of his peers for his keen intellect and commitment to learning; he served young people as a trial practice instructor at the University of Virginia and as chair of the Judicial Conference of Virginia's Committee on Sentencing; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Robinson also volunteered his time and wise leadership to the community as president of the Rotary Club of Luray, commander of American Legion Post 22 in Luray, and president of the Massanutten Mental Health Association of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Joshua Robinson was a longtime member of Beth El Congregation in Harrisonburg, where he had served as president and on its Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Joshua Robinson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of more than 70 years, Estelle; his children, Carol and Eliot, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Joshua L. Robinson, a former chief judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit of Virginia who made many contributions to the 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 Joshua L. Robinson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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