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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

Offered March 1, 2018

Commending Townes Funeral Home.

Patrons—Marshall; Senator: Stanley

WHEREAS, for 125 years, Townes Funeral Home in Danville has provided thoughtful, caring, and compassionate service to families during times of loss; and

WHEREAS, Townes Funeral Home traces its origins to 1892, when Danville resident Frederick William "Will" Townes, Sr., founded the firm F.W. Townes, Funeral Director on Main Street; the business he started later went by several names before becoming Townes Funeral Home in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Townes Funeral Home grew steadily during the early 20th century as it earned a reputation for professionalism and trustworthiness; Will Townes' son Frederick William "Fred" Townes, Jr., later joined the company in 1915 and then became its principal officer in 1935; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Fred Townes' son Frederick William "Bill" Townes III joined Townes Funeral Home, becoming the third generation of the Townes family to work at the company; and

WHEREAS, Danville resident David Fuquay joined Townes Funeral Home in 1969; he became president of the firm in 1998 and has been its sole owner since 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Townes Funeral Home has maintained close ties to the Danville community; Fred and Bill Townes both served on the Danville City Council and were active in the local Chamber of Commerce, among many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, during its many years in operation, Townes Funeral Home has won the abiding respect of the Danville community for its wide range of services, attentive and caring staff, and dedication to honoring the wishes of family members and the deceased; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Townes Funeral Home on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Townes Funeral Home as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its long legacy of service to the residents of Danville.

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