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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 550

Offered March 5, 2018

Celebrating the life of James F. Brownell.

Patrons—LaRock; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, James F. Brownell, a beloved father, respected farmer, and community leader who served for 24 years on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, died on November 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., in 1917, James "Jim" F. Brownell graduated from Central High School and then earned a master's degree in animal husbandry from the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, after being commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Army, Jim Brownell served in Italy during World War II and then returned home and married his high school sweetheart, Zora "Mac" McCall; and

WHEREAS, a dairy farmer by trade, Jim Brownell began his career in Maryland before moving to Loudoun County in the late 1950s and purchasing the 700-acre Whitehall Farm near Bluemont; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brownell was a dedicated community member who was active in agricultural and civic affairs; from 1968 to 1992, he served on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, during his 24-year tenure on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, Jim Brownell worked tirelessly to reduce spending and protect farmers; he also co-chaired Loudoun County's effort to ratify the revised state constitution and established the county's sanitary landfill; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in local government, Jim Brownell earned the abiding respect of his constituents and fellow supervisors for his honesty, integrity, and aversion to partisanship; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Mac, and his children, Jimmy, Bruce, and Susan, Jim Brownell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sons, Mark and Scott, and their families, as well as numerous other family members, close friends, and Loudoun 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 James F. Brownell, a distinguished citizen who provided outstanding service to the Loudoun 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 James F. Brownell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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