## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 551**

Celebrating the life of Albert M. Nicodemus, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Albert M. Nicodemus, Jr., of Berryville, a respected law-enforcement officer who brought joy to family, friends, and community members through music, died on July 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Boyce, Albert "Nick" M. Nicodemus, Jr., attended Marvin Chapel United Methodist Church and graduated from Clarke County High School; and

WHEREAS, Nick Nicodemus served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, then returned to the Commonwealth and worked as a farmer until 1967, when he became a deputy in the Clarke County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Nick Nicodemus was elected Sheriff of Clarke County, and he served and

protected his fellow residents for 16 years, until his well-earned retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Nick Nicodemus was a talented singer and harmonica player who performed at senior centers and nursing homes with the group The Singing Friends; he also expressed his faith by singing with the Men for Christ, and during his law-enforcement career, he earned the nickname "the singing sheriff"; and

WHEREAS, Nick Nicodemus will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Betty; his son, Lynn, and his family; 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 Albert M. Nicodemus, Jr.; 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 Albert M. Nicodemus, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.