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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

Offered March 7, 2018

*Celebrating the life of John Miller Payne.*

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WHEREAS, John Miller Payne of Norfolk, a respected attorney, a true gentleman, and an avid outdoorsman who imparted his love of nature to numerous family members and friends, died in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, John Payne earned three degrees from the University of Virginia, where he made many lifelong friends and served as Grand Banana of the Eli Bananas; and

WHEREAS, John Payne pursued a career in the legal profession and worked for a private law firm before joining the Naval Legal Service Office in Norfolk as a supervisory claims attorney, the first civilian attorney to hold the position; and

WHEREAS, John Payne retired from the Naval Legal Service Office after 31 years, which gave him more time to enjoy the great outdoors in his beloved Highland County through fishing, camping, hiking, and bird-watching trips; and

WHEREAS, a renowned storyteller who was always ready for an adventure, John Payne led family members and friends on everything from midnight walks through the rain to long hikes through the mountains of Highland County in search of the elusive Ruffed Grouse; and

WHEREAS, John Payne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Mollie; his children, William, Archer, and George, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Miller Payne, a beloved husband and father in Norfolk; 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 John Miller Payne as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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