SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 102

Offered January 31, 2018

Celebrating the life of William Stephen Hodges.

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Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Austin

WHEREAS, William Stephen Hodges, a loyal public servant who made many contributions to the

Alleghany Highlands, died on December 4, 2017; and WHEREAS, a native of Minden, West Virginia, William "Bill" Hodges relocated to the Commonwealth to pursue a career as an educator; he served as principal of two elementary schools and retired from Alleghany County Public Schools as director of instruction and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hodges continued to support the students of Alleghany County as School Board chair, and he was also a board member of the Jackson River Preservation Association, playing a crucial role in the establishment of the Jackson River Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow residents, Bill Hodges ran for and was elected to the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, representing the Falling Spring District, and ably led the board as chair; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hodges was also a member of Covington Lodge No. 171 A.F. & A.M., and the Clifton Forge Shrine Club; he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Emory United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Bill Hodges will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 60 years, Dana; sons, William and Stephen, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Stephen Hodges; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Stephen Hodges as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.