

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 118

Celebrating the life of Keith H. Emerson.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018

WHEREAS, Keith H. Emerson, a patriotic veteran, a longtime employee of the National Park Service, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, died on February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Luray, Keith Emerson built strong connections with the Blue Ridge Mountains from a young age and learned the value of hard work from his father, who owned trail horses and operated the stables at the Skyland Resort; and

WHEREAS, joining many of the other young men of his generation, Keith Emerson served the nation as a member of the Third United States Army under General George S. Patton during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Keith Emerson returned home and graduated from Luray High School, then began a long and fulfilling career with Shenandoah National Park, where he retired as the foreman for buildings and utilities maintenance after 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Keith Emerson also safeguarded the lives and property of his fellow Luray residents as a volunteer firefighter and was a former commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 621; he was a proud patriot who raised the American flag over his home every day; and

WHEREAS, Keith Emerson was an avid reader who particularly enjoyed military history, and he and his wife became accomplished world travelers after his well-earned retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Keith Emerson enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Luray United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Keith Emerson's wife, Gayle, died on August 17, 2017; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by their sons, Lawrence and Philip, 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 Keith H. Emerson; and, be it

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

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