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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 135

Offered February 9, 2018

Celebrating the life of H. Clay Gravely IV.

Patrons—Stanley and Deeds; Delegates: Adams, L.R., Marshall and Poindexter

WHEREAS, H. Clay Gravely IV, a devoted husband and father, talented legal professional, and distinguished public servant who served as the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Martinsville, died on December 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a Martinsville native, Clay Gravely attended Carlisle School and Holland Christian High School in Michigan and then graduated from Phillips Academy in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Clay Gravely received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and earned a law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond; while in law school, he was a member and chief justice of the Honor Council and served for two years as a senior staff member of the *University of Richmond Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated attorney, Clay Gravely had a successful legal career that included managing his own law practice in Martinsville and serving as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, an associate of the Daniel, Medley & Kirby, P.C. law firm, a litigation associate at Hirschler Fleischer, P.C., and a law clerk for Judge Jackson L. Kiser of the United States District Court from the Western District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Clay Gravely worked at the Republican National Committee headquarters in Washington, D.C., and served as an assistant campaign manager for a Michigan congressional candidate; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Clay Gravely was elected as Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Martinsville; he was reelected to the position in 2017 and earned the respect of his peers for his intelligence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, outside of his legal duties, Clay Gravely was a proud Martinsville resident who was active in the Kiwanis Club of Martinsville, the Boys & Girls Club of the Blue Ridge, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, and the Dan River Basin Association; and

WHEREAS, Clay Gravely was happiest when fly fishing on the Smith River or spending time with his family; he enjoyed fellowship and worship at First United Methodist Church in Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, Clay Gravely will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, Jennifer; his sons, Quinn and Brooks; his mother, Crystal; and many other family members, friends, and Martinsville residents; 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 H. Clay Gravely IV, a committed legal professional who provided exemplary service to the Martinsville community; and, be it

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

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