

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 135

Celebrating the life of H. Clay Gravely IV.

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

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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