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Celebrating the life of James Grover Eichelberger.

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WHEREAS, James Grover Eichelberger, the serving mayor of the Town of Parksley, who was a passionate advocate for the town and its residents, died on October 10, 2017; and WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, James "Jimmy" Eichelberger honorably served his country as

a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Eichelberger enjoyed a long career with Perdue Farms, Inc., where he retired as an environmental manager; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Eichelberger had previously served as town manager of Exmore in Northampton County and was a member of the Parksley Town Council before becoming mayor in 2008; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments as mayor, Jimmy Eichelberger oversaw the revitalization of downtown Parksley and worked to bring a Department of Motor Vehicles office and the Eastern Shore Public Library to the town; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Eichelberger was also active with the Freemasons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, and American Legion, and he helped preserve the history and heritage of the region as a member of the Eastern Shore Railway Museum Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by a son, James, Jr., Jimmy Eichelberger will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 54 years, Karon; daughters, Margery and Lara, 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 James Grover Eichelberger, a dedicated public servant in Accomack County; and, be it

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