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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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Celebrating the life of Arvil Buford Welcher.

Patrons—Hanger and Deeds

WHEREAS, Arvil Buford Welcher of Craigsville, a veteran and public servant who dedicated his life to the people of Augusta County, died on May 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Fordwick community, Arvil "A. B." Welcher was born to James Buford and Mary (Thompson) Welcher in 1919; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Greatest Generation, A. B. Welcher joined many other young men in service to the nation during World War II; he served honorably as a member of the United States Navy and later joined Craigsville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9480; and

WHEREAS, A. B. Welcher was a loyal employee of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 30 years, including 10 years as an electrician and 20 years as a crane operator; and

WHEREAS, driven to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Craigsville residents, A. B. Welcher served on the Craigsville Town Council for many years, including one term as mayor and five terms as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, A. B. Welcher enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Craigsville; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Beatrice, and daughter Linda, Arvil Welcher will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Ronald and Wanda, and their families and by 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 Arvil Buford Welcher, a veteran, public servant, and highly respected member of the Augusta County community; and, be it

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

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