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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 730**

Offered January 20, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Harold W. Roller.*

Patrons—Landes; Senators: Deeds, Hanger and Obenshain

WHEREAS, Harold W. Roller, an accomplished farmer and dairyman, loving husband and father, and active community member of Weyers Cave, died on July 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller was born in Broadway and was the first recipient of the Future Farmers of America American Farmer degree from Broadway High School; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller earned a degree in dairy science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he was in the Corps of Cadets and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the ROTC program; he was also a member of the Virginia Tech Regimental Band all four years and remained a Hokie sports fan and supporter of the Dairy Science Department activities at Virginia Tech throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War and later as the first unit commander of the Virginia National Guard unit in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller dedicated himself to a career in agriculture as a dairy farmer with registered Jersey cattle, as a dairy specialist in Loudoun and Augusta Counties, and as an extension agent in Rockingham County, where he assisted with dairy and agronomy programs and developed an educational program on nutrient management of livestock and poultry waste that earned national recognition; and

WHEREAS, during his well-earned retirement, Harold Roller drove cars at Harrisonburg Auto Auction and was custodian of the Weyers Cave Ruritan Community Park; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller was deeply engaged in service to the community in Ruritan Clubs, 4-H, the Virginia State Dairymen's Association, and the Augusta County School Board; that dedication earned him recognition including a Distinguished Service Award from the Virginia Poultry Federation for outstanding service in meeting environmental issues and a Distinguished Service Award from the American Jersey Cattle Association; and

WHEREAS, as a faithful member of Bethany United Methodist Church, Harold Roller served in many capacities, including lay leader, church treasurer, and Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Harold Roller will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his children, Kenneth, Dale, and Marguerite, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Harold W. Roller, an accomplished farmer and dairyman, loving husband and father, and active community member of Weyers Cave; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Harold W. Roller as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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