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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 811

Offered February 5, 2019

Celebrating the life of Edwin Burwell Jones Whitmore III.

Patrons—Campbell, J.L. and O'Quinn; Senator: Carrico

WHEREAS, Edwin Burwell Jones Whitmore III, a respected businessman and public servant who made many contributions to the residents of Marion, died on December 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Edwin "Ed" Burwell Jones Whitmore III moved to Marion with his family as a youth, and his devotion to the community strengthened throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1968, Ed Whitmore became editor of the *Smyth County News* before enlisting in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Ed Whitmore served his country on active duty for three years and as a member of the reserves for more than 25 years, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel; he helped shape a new generation of military officers as a liaison to the admissions staff of the United States Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ed Whitmore pursued a career with Dominion Bankshares Corporation, working as a commercial loan officer for 23 years; he was subsequently promoted to assistant vice president, then selected as vice president for economic development and legislative affairs; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Ed Whitmore returned to his alma mater as a research associate and assistant director of the New Century Council, which worked to create a strategic vision for the region; and

WHEREAS, Ed Whitmore supported the community as a member of the Marion Town Council; in 1998, he was appointed county administrator and served in that capacity until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ed Whitmore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 33 years, Beverly, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Edwin Burwell Jones Whitmore III; 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 Edwin Burwell Jones Whitmore III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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