

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 272

Celebrating the life of Jerry Allen Hurt.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Jerry Allen Hurt, a retired executive and an enthusiastic civic leader in Rural Retreat, died on December 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hurt was born in Charleston, West Virginia; his family relocated to Rural Retreat where his grandparents lived on a farm at which he had previously spent his summers; he graduated from Rural Retreat High School, attended courses at Wytheville Community College, and earned a degree in finance from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; he later earned his master's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hurt began his professional career with the mining and metals division of Union Carbide Corporation, later Elkern Metals USA, where he served as president; he later specialized in the development and diversification of numerous small business ventures and retired from the Pittsburgh-based Starck Van Lines after serving as chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, Jerry Hurt retired to the town he loved, Rural Retreat, and the extended family he treasured; he devoted his time to serving the church, the community, foundations, boards, and civic organizations; he was passionate in his work for the Rural Retreat Depot Foundation, inspiring others to help him transform the nearly 150-year-old building into a center for community activities; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hurt contributed to the Brock Hughes Medical Center and served on the board of Wytheville Community College; he was a member of Rural Retreat United Methodist Church, a member of the church council at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and a member of the Rural Retreat Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hurt was known for being generous with his time and expertise; he often attended town council meetings and always reviewed the town budget carefully; sometimes during meetings, if someone requested funds for a project, he would stand up and volunteer to match any funds the council allocated; to acknowledge his contributions he was named Rural Retreat's Citizen of the Year in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Hurt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Phyllis; his children, Richard, Meredith, and Melinda, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jerry Allen Hurt, a retired executive and an enthusiastic booster of the Rural Retreat community; 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 Jerry Allen Hurt as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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