

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Celebrating the life of William Rhea Quillen, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020
Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2020

WHEREAS, William Rhea Quillen, Jr., a highly admired member of the Gate City community who touched thousands of lives during his long career as an educator and football coach, died on July 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gate City, William "Bill" Rhea Quillen graduated from Gate City High School in 1965 and attended East Tennessee State University; after completing his education, he spent most of his career at his alma maters, Gate City Middle School and Gate City High School; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quillen taught for 31 years and coached football for 46 years, serving as head coach of the middle school team and an assistant coach of the varsity high school team; he helped lead the Gate City High School Blue Devils to state championship victories in 1970, 1974, 1997, 2003, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from coaching, Bill Quillen continued to serve the community as a member of the Scott County School Board for eight years, including seven years as chair; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as Coach Quillen throughout the community, Bill Quillen's legacy lives on through the countless young people he mentored and inspired to achieve greatness in all their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quillen's greatest joy in life was his family, and he especially relished every opportunity to spend time with his six beloved grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quillen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Darlene; his children, Julie, Laura, Heather, and Jessica, 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 William Rhea Quillen, Jr.; 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 William Rhea Quillen, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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