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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 312

Offered February 25, 2020

Celebrating the life of James Michael Bebout.

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Patrons—O'Quinn, Wampler and Leftwich; Senators: Cosgrove and Pillion

WHEREAS, James Michael Bebout, a respected businessman and cherished member of the Washington County community, died on December 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Beaufort, South Carolina, and raised in Portsmouth, James "Jim" Michael Bebout graduated from Craddock High School before attending Tidewater Community College and completing a machinist apprenticeship at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard; and

WHEREAS, hardworking and dedicated, Jim Bebout was a successful small business owner in Chesapeake from 1992 to 2008, retiring afterward to Washington County so he could be closer to the mountains of Southwest Virginia that he loved; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bebout served several local, state, and national campaigns for Republican candidates to support the conservative values he held all his life; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bebout was an active and engaged member of his community, serving on the Washington County Electoral Board and offering ministry to prisoners through his work with Hands and Feet Ministries in Damascus; and

WHEREAS, guided by his deep and abiding faith throughout his life, Jim Bebout was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Damascus, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bebout will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Tammie; his daughter, Tara, and her family; his mother, Ethie Ann; 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 James Michael Bebout; 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 James Michael Bebout as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.