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Celebrating the life of Jimmy C. Hill.

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WHEREAS, Jimmy C. Hill, an inspirational evangelist and beloved member of the Vansant community, died on July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Jimmy "Jim" Hill was a founder and longtime preacher of Liberty Church of Christ in Vansant, where he enjoyed heartfelt worship and fellowship with his community; and

WHEREAS, a former coal miner, Jim Hill dedicated most of his adult life to sharing his Christian faith with others; over his lifetime, he preached at more than 2,500 revival meetings and innumerable funeral services, guiding countless individuals seeking spiritual guidance and salvation; and

WHEREAS, along with founding two additional Church of Christ churches in Rosedale and Johnson City, Tennessee, Jim Hill was the owner and operator of Son System Bible Bookstore in Buchanan County, providing his community with a fount of religious literature and other edifying materials; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hill actively produced religious programming for television, radio, and, in his later years, social media; through his television program, "What Does the Bible Plainly Say?," broadcast every Sunday since August 1968, and his radio programs "Let the Son Shine In" and "Sunday Morning Gospel," Jim Hill was able to reach untold individuals beyond his immediate congregation; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the spiritual education of young people and their families, Jim Hill played a pivotal role in the formation of the Church of Christ Youth Camp in Buchanan County and served as the organization's manager for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife, Gaynell, Jim Hill will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his children, James, Stephen, Clarence, Beverly, and Angela, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jimmy C. Hill, a revered preacher from Buchanan County who devoted his life to his Christian faith and the well-being of others; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jimmy C. Hill as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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