

2021 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 316

Celebrating the lives of Walter Lowrie Martin III and Edith Luke Martin.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2021
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Walter Lowrie Martin III, a hardworking dairy farmer, and Edith Luke Martin, a highly admired former teacher, both active members of the Rockbridge County community, died on November 8, 2020, and September 7, 2020, respectively; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, Walter "Bud" Martin developed a passion for agriculture that endured throughout his entire life; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club, Bud Martin held several leadership roles in the organization over the years and was the pit master for the club's chicken barbecues, earning accolades in the community for his delicious homemade sauce; and

WHEREAS, Bud Martin was a talented storyteller who relished opportunities to share his lifetime of wisdom with others; he strove to be a role model for young people in the community and brightened the days of friends and neighbors through his sense of humor and ever-present smile; and

WHEREAS, born in Rocky Mount, Edith Martin graduated from what is now James Madison University and pursued a long and fulfilling career in education; and

WHEREAS, Edith Martin taught at several public schools in Rockbridge County, including Andrew Lewis High School and Rockbridge High School, and gave countless students the tools to achieve success in higher education and careers and become good citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Edith Martin volunteered her time and leadership with the North Rockbridge Woman's Club and various education-focused nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Edith Martin was deeply devoted to her family and retired as a teacher in 1980 to help care for her first grandchild; she cherished every opportunity to impart her lifetime of wisdom to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bud and Edith Martin enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at New Providence Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon, an elder, a member of the cemetery committee, and a member of the choir, and where she was a loyal member of the Night Circle group; and

WHEREAS, Bud and Edith Martin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by their children, Mary Lynn, Judy, and James, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Walter Lowrie Martin III and Edith Luke Martin; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Walter Lowrie Martin III and Edith Luke Martin as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for their memory.

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