

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 198

Celebrating the life of Harry Graves Johnson, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, February 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Harry Graves Johnson, Jr., esteemed business executive, honorable veteran, and an active and beloved member of the Roanoke community, died on December 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from what is now the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1941, Harry Johnson served his country with courage and valor as a member of the Eighth Air Force of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Harry Johnson then settled in Roanoke and embarked upon a distinguished career in the automotive and real estate industries, serving as the president and chief executive officer of the Magic City Motor Corporation for 31 years and as chief executive officer of Big Lick Realty; and

WHEREAS, committed to the growth and prosperity of the Roanoke region, Harry Johnson held leadership positions with various local trade and business organizations over the years, including the Roanoke Automobile Dealers Association, the Roanoke Valley Safety Council, the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Roanoke Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, Harry Johnson was steadfastly dedicated to the well-being of others, giving generously of his time to the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and the Roanoke YMCA; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Harry Johnson enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke, where he served as a vestryman; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Nancy, Harry Johnson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, William, Ellen, and Ann, and their families, and by 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 Harry Graves Johnson, Jr., a cherished member of the Roanoke community who contributed greatly to the city throughout his long and accomplished life; 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 Harry Graves Johnson, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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