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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

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Celebrating the life of George Andrew Kegley.

Patrons—Rasoul and Head; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, George Andrew Kegley, a former editor of the *Roanoke Times* who touched countless lives through his commitment to volunteer service, died on February 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley was born in Wytheville and lived most of his life in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley served his country as a member of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky, then returned to the Commonwealth and earned a bachelor's degree from Roanoke College; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley began his career in journalism shortly after graduation, writing for the *Roanoke Times* and the *Roanoke World-News* as a general assignment reporter; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley subsequently became a business writer for the *Roanoke Times* and was a trusted source of information to generations of readers until his retirement as business editor of the newspaper in 1993; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the *Roanoke Times*, George Kegley became an active supporter of the American Red Cross after writing an article about the local chapter of the organization, and ultimately donated more than 60 gallons of blood in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in later life, George Kegley devoted himself fully to volunteer service and community outreach, offering his time and wise leadership to Meals on Wheels, the Rescue Mission of Roanoke, and the Pastoral Counseling Center of Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley organized camping trips and summer programs for local youths and was involved in numerous activities through St. Mark's Lutheran Church, including as a Sunday school teacher and editor of the *Virginia Lutheran* publication; and

WHEREAS, George Kegley served as president of the Historical Society of Western Virginia and on the boards of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation; he helped protect the region's valuable natural resources by securing a conservation easement for his 116-acre farm, the first within the Roanoke city limits; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Louise, George Kegley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Andy, Mary, Robert, and Richard, 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 George Andrew Kegley; 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 George Andrew Kegley as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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