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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Offered February 17, 2022

Celebrating the life of Ronald Bowen Watson.

Patrons—Batten, Bell, Byron, Edmunds, Fariss, Gilbert, Head, Hodges, Kilgore, Knight, Marshall, Morefield, O'Quinn, Orrock, Ransone, Robinson, Ware, Webert, Wilt and Wright

WHEREAS, Ronald Bowen Watson, an accomplished craftsman and businessman and a beloved member of the Hopewell community, died on January 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Watson worked admirably for more than 30 years as a millwright with the former Allied Chemical Corporation, contributing greatly to the company's success; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Watson was licensed by the United States Coast Guard to operate as a tug boat captain and served the local marine industry as the owner of James River Towing Company; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the well-being of his community, Ronald Watson was a member of the Hopewell Optimist Club for 60 years, during which time he held nearly every leadership position, including president, and was a regular presence at the organization's various fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Watson was at home in the outdoors and relished every opportunity to hunt, camp, and fish, especially at his cherished Cape Hatteras; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Ronald Watson was happiest when spending time with his large and ever-growing family; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Ronald Watson enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at First United Methodist Church in Hopewell for 76 years; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Watson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Viola; his children, Rhonda, Vicki, Michael, and Wendy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ronald Bowen Watson, whose hard-working and caring nature was an inspiration to all who knew him; 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 Ronald Bowen Watson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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