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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

Offered February 9, 2023

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Garry Glenn DeBruhl.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Garry Glenn DeBruhl, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates who ably represented communities in the Blue Ridge Mountains, died on December 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alexander, North Carolina, Garry DeBruhl received his bachelor's degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and subsequently earned a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Garry DeBruhl settled in Virginia and served as a teacher and a coach at the former Drewry Mason High School in Henry County; and

WHEREAS, both as an educator and as a member of the Patrick County School Board, Garry DeBruhl worked diligently to provide young people with the tools they needed to achieve success in higher education and careers and become good citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Garry DeBruhl also served the community as a prominent business owner in Patrick County; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Garry DeBruhl ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1967 and represented the residents of the City of Martinsville and the Counties of Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state lawmaker, Garry DeBruhl introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians and served as chair of the Militia and Police Committee and as a member of the Finance, Education, and Transportation Committees; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the General Assembly, Garry DeBruhl provided his expertise to many organizations, including the Virginia State Police Association and the Virginia Wholesalers and Distributors Association; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his community who loved his family, friends, and fellow church members, Garry DeBruhl enjoyed fellowship and worship at Stuart Baptist Church in Patrick County, where he taught Sunday school, and he was a loyal member of Mountain Home Masonic Lodge No. 263 for 50 years, also in Stuart; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Carol, and his son, Mark, Garry DeBruhl will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Traci and Christopher, daughter-in-law, Jennifer; beloved grandchildren, Casey, CJ, Wesley, Jordan, Riley, and Ashley; great-grandchildren, Camden, Magnolia, and Trae; and several nieces and nephews; 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 the Honorable Garry Glenn DeBruhl; 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 the Honorable Garry Glenn DeBruhl as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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