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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

Offered February 6, 2024

*Celebrating the life of James Samuel Gillespie, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, James Samuel Gillespie, Jr., an honorable veteran, esteemed educator, distinguished coach, accomplished farmer, and beloved member of the Pounding Mill community, died on July 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Richlands High School, James "Jim Sam" Gillespie earned a degree in civil engineering in 1959 from Virginia Military Institute, where he also played football and ran track; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sam Gillespie served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army, attaining the rank of captain and also coaching base football teams; and

WHEREAS, following his service, Jim Sam Gillespie taught mathematics and coached at both Clifton Forge High School and South Hampton High School, contributing greatly to his students' success both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sam Gillespie took his talents as a coach to the collegiate level, supporting the programs at Virginia Military Institute, West Virginia University, and Duke University, and ultimately returned home to Pounding Mill, where he farmed for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sam Gillespie gave generously to his community through his lifelong involvement with the Tazewell County Fair and service with his local 4-H, Virginia Farm Bureau, and various other organizations; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Jim Sam Gillespie grew up in the Pounding Mill Christian Church and later enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Richlands Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sam Gillespie was a devoted family man who found his greatest joy in spending time with his wife, children, and the many close friends he made along the way; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife, Lucy, and his son, James III, Jim Sam Gillespie will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Elizabeth and Ann Brett, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Samuel Gillespie, Jr., a cherished member of the Pounding Mill community whose integrity and kind and generous spirit endeared him to all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James Samuel Gillespie, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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