

1995 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 458

On the death of Thomas James Burch.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 1995

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 1995

WHEREAS, Thomas James Burch, a prominent Martinsville businessman and former city councilman, died on October 14, 1994; and

WHEREAS, born in Roanoke in 1909, Thomas Burch moved to Henry County in the 1930s, when he established T. J. Burch and Company, a real estate and insurance business; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Burch's business career was interrupted by World War II, during which he served in Germany as a member of the 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, advancing to the rank of first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, returning to the Martinsville area after the war, Thomas Burch resumed his career, became involved in local politics, and was elected to two terms on the Martinsville City Council; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Burch, who also served as chairman of the Martinsville Zoning Board of Appeals and as the second president of the Martinsville-Henry County Real Estate Board, was awarded the Beducian-Gusler Community Service Award by the Martinsville-Henry County Home Builders Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and active career, Thomas Burch gave generously of his time, energy, and talents to the betterment of the Martinsville-Henry County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the passing of an influential citizen of Martinsville and a fine Virginian, Thomas James Burch; 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 Thomas James Burch in honor of his lifetime of service to the citizens of Martinsville, Henry County, and the Commonwealth.

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