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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 460

Offered January 17, 1995

*On the death of Dr. John David French.*

Patrons—Armstrong and Reynolds; Senator: Goode

WHEREAS, Dr. John David French, a Martinsville pediatrician, founder of the Children's Medical Center, and a prominent and effective civic leader in the Martinsville-Henry County community, died on December 3, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia and a U.S. Navy veteran, Dr. French arrived in Martinsville in 1957, after earning his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his arrival the only board-certified specialist in the community, Dr. French treated as many as three generations of Martinsville-Henry County families during his nearly four decades of practice; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to his profession, his patients, and his community, Dr. French was a member of a wide variety of professional organizations, served as chairman of the Martinsville-Henry County Drug Task Force, and assisted in the development of the Henry County-Martinsville Health Department and the Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. French was also an active and influential member of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, which awarded him its President's Award in 1985, honoring his outstanding contributions to the Traffic and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, his civic leadership notwithstanding, it is as a caring, compassionate, and highly skilled physician that Dr. John French will be remembered, and generations of healthy young citizens of the community represent his most lasting and significant legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an irreplaceable member of the Martinsville community, Dr. John David French; 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 Dr. John David French as an expression of the high esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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