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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 238

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*On the death of Haley M. Smith.*

Patron—Waddell

WHEREAS, Haley M. Smith, a 10-term member of the Herndon Town Council, a former vice mayor, and the founder and guiding force behind most of Herndon's youth sports programs, died on October 15, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a native of Staunton who lived in Herndon for nearly all of his 77 years, Haley Smith was probably the best-known and most beloved citizen of the town; and

WHEREAS, known to generations of Herndon citizens as "Haley," "Smitty," or "Coach," Haley Smith embodied the spirit of Herndon, a town to which he was devoted throughout his long and extraordinarily fruitful life; and

WHEREAS, his devotion to the youth of Herndon was legendary, as evidenced by his founding of virtually all of Herndon's youth sports programs, from soccer, which he played for over 50 years, to baseball, football, and girls' basketball; and

WHEREAS, known for his common sense, his perseverance, his integrity, and his direct, plain-speaking personality, Haley Smith served the citizens of Herndon as a member of the Town Council for 20 years, watching and guiding Herndon in its development from a railroad depot to the growing, prosperous town it is today; and

WHEREAS, Haley Smith's extraordinarily diverse talents were available to all, from charitable organizations and the Herndon Optimist Club to the Centennial Golf Course, the Women's Golf Club, and the many sports programs that owe their very existence to Haley Smith's talents, will, and inexhaustible energy; and

WHEREAS, truly a man devoted to his community and his fellow citizens, Haley Smith leaves a unique and unmatched legacy of achievement, dedication, and good will; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an irreplaceable citizen of Herndon and the Commonwealth, Haley M. Smith; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Haley M. Smith as an expression of the General Assembly's great respect for his memory.

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