1996 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 169

Commending James B. Muncy, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 1996 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 1996

WHEREAS, in December 1995, following 25 years of dedicated and effective service to the Virginia Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors, James B. Muncy, Jr., retired; and

WHEREAS, since August of 1970, James Muncy has served as executive director of the Virginia Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors and as editor of the association's magazine, *Image*; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement, James Muncy had edited 300 issues of *Image* with grace, wit, and energy; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bluefield, West Virginia, James Muncy grew up in Bland County, served as a page for the 1954 Session of the General Assembly, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the tender age of 17, and ultimately graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in political science in 1964; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the Virginia Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors and the industry it represents, James Muncy has served the association's members with great distinction throughout his unprecedented tenure; and

WHEREAS, James Muncy may be best remembered for his favorite quotation, generally attributed to former U.S. Secretary of Education John W. Gardner: "The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because philosophy is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water"; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend James B. Muncy, Jr., on the completion of an exemplary career as association executive and editor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James B. Muncy, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many accomplishments.

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