

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 671

On the death of Dale W. Gallimore.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 1997

Agreed to by the Senate, January 30, 1997

WHEREAS, Dale W. Gallimore, the founder of Floyd County's first radio station and one of the pioneers of radio broadcasting in the South, died on August 9, 1996; and

WHEREAS, during a broadcasting career that spanned 50 years, Dale Gallimore worked for 28 radio stations, including several in Virginia, and became widely known as "Farmer Dale" Gallimore during the late 1940s and early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, during his long career, Dale Gallimore founded radio stations in Kings Tree, South Carolina, and Hillsville, Virginia, and helped start stations in Danville and Blacksburg; and

WHEREAS, his encyclopedic knowledge of music and musicians was instrumental in Dale Gallimore's ability to attract nationally known talent, such as the late bluegrass legend Bill Monroe, to Floyd County; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Dale Gallimore started Floyd County's first radio station, WGFC, and drew on his vast experience to provide his listeners with an extraordinary array of musical entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Dale Gallimore used his radio station for the betterment of Floyd County, producing radiothons and other special programming to benefit such organizations as the United Way, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Floyd County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, an exceedingly well-known and popular member of his community, Dale Gallimore leaves an enviable and enduring legacy of service to the citizens of Floyd County and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a uniquely talented, entertaining, and popular Virginian, Dale W. Gallimore; 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 Dale W. Gallimore as an expression of the great respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the people of Virginia.

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