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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 473

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On the death of Richard E. Huff.

Patrons—Landes, Deeds and Wilkins; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, Richard E. Huff, a former county administrator and one of the most influential and effective leaders in Augusta County for more than 30 years, died on July 2, 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Winchester, Richard Huff graduated from John Handley High School, served with the U.S. Air Force in Korea, and earned his degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Richard Huff was named finance officer of Augusta County, thus beginning a career of unmatched service to the county and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Richard Huff became county administrator, in which position he served until his retirement in 1990; and

WHEREAS, well-known and widely respected throughout Augusta County, Richard Huff built a reputation as a tough but fair negotiator, an invariably ethical administrator, and an unwavering champion of Augusta County; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Richard Huff was influential in arranging a federal loan to keep a vital manufacturing facility in Augusta County, was a key player in funding new fire-fighting equipment, and was a leader in the county's annexation battles with the Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro; and

WHEREAS, though his innate kindness was sometimes hidden under a gruff exterior, Richard Huff was admired and respected by the many local, regional, and state officials with whom he dealt, and occasionally opposed; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement as county administrator, Richard Huff continued to serve Augusta County as a member of the Augusta County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

WHEREAS, a man of great talent and complete loyalty, Richard Huff leaves a peerless legacy of service to the citizens of Augusta County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the passing of an exemplary public servant, Richard E. Huff; 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 Richard E. Huff as an expression of the great respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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