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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 775

Offered January 21, 1999

On the death of James William Fletcher.

Patrons—Katzen, Albo, Black, Blevins, Davis, Drake, Dudley, Guest, Howell, May, McClure, O'Brien, Sherwood and Weatherholtz; Senators: Martin, Miller, K.G., Mims and Potts

WHEREAS, James William Fletcher of Sperryville, a prominent lawyer in Rappahannock County for many years, died on March 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, widely known locally as "Jim Bill," James Fletcher graduated from the T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1940 and was licensed to practice law in Virginia at the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, a lawyer in Rappahannock County for his entire career, James Fletcher served as Commissioner of Accounts for the county and was chairman during the 1960s of the State Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, James Fletcher served as chairman of the Seventh District Democratic Committee for 20 years and was also chairman of the Rappahannock County Democratic Committee for many years; and

WHEREAS, from 1959 to 1963, James Fletcher served on the prestigious and influential Spong Commission on Public Education; and

WHEREAS, James Fletcher was president of the Rappahannock County Bar Association, served on the board of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, and was a member of the board of the Rappahannock National Bank in Washington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a noted outdoorsman who enjoyed motorcycling, flying, and horse racing, James Fletcher was master of foxhounds of the Rappahannock Hunt for more than 30 years and was one of the men responsible for the hunt's reputation as the hardest-riding anywhere; and

WHEREAS, a widely known and highly respected Rappahannock County lawyer, civic leader and sportsman, James William Fletcher leaves a lasting and enviable legacy of service to his community and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of an extraordinary citizen of the Commonwealth, James William Fletcher; 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 James William Fletcher as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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