HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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Celebrating the life of Jeffrey Leroy Owens.

Patrons—Fralin; Senator: Bell

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Leroy Owens, respected citizen of the City of Roanoke and prominent real estate broker, died on September 26, 2005; and

WHEREAS, born in Stuart, Virginia, on January 13, 1947, Jeffrey Owens attended the National Business College and served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Jeffrey Owens worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Owens began his real estate career in 1976 with C. W. Frances and Sons, Realtors; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 along with his brother Ron Owens, Jeffrey Owens established Owens and Company Realtors, serving as broker and president; and

WHEREAS, a successful and gifted real estate professional, Jeffrey Owens had a business philosophy that epitomized hard work and gracious customer service; and

WHEREAS, the family firm merged with Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc., in 2004, at which time, Jeffrey Owens became vice president and regional manager of southwestern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his clients, neighbors, and peers, as well as committed to excellence in the real estate industry, Jeffrey Owens served as a leader and active member in many local professional organizations, including the Roanoke Valley Association of Realtors and the Roanoke Valley Home Builders Association; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the needs of others, especially young people, Jeffrey Owens gave his time and talents as a generous contributor to the Easter Seal Society of Virginia and as a member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America Blue Ridge Mountains Council; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Owens served his community with dignity and devotion and will be fondly remembered by his family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the residents of the Roanoke Valley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with sadness the passing of a fine Virginian, Jeffrey Leroy Owens; 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 Jeffrey Leroy Owens as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.