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*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Larry G. Hill.*

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Hurt; Senator: Hawkins

WHEREAS, the Reverend Larry G. Hill of Danville, founder and dedicated pastor of Christians United Baptist Church and director of the Homeless Shelter on Claiborne Street, died on August 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Larry G. Hill was born on May 9, 1947, the son of the late Theodore R. and Gladys Dabbs Hill; and

WHEREAS, an American patriot, Larry G. Hill served his country in the United States Army in the Green Berets with Special Forces during the war in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, as a compassionate minister, Pastor Hill was confronted daily with the overwhelming need of downtrodden and often homeless people struggling to survive; and

WHEREAS, compelled to help alleviate the growing problem of homelessness in Danville, Pastor Hill opened the Homeless Shelter on Claiborne Street in 1994, which became his life's mission; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for his fellow residents in need, Pastor Hill's ministry endured financial hardships, but he always found a way, with the help of area churches, to keep the Homeless Shelter open, providing refuge for some of the most vulnerable people of the Danville and Pittsylvania County communities; and

WHEREAS, a hero and a role model who made a difference in the lives of many people in the Danville area, Pastor Hill worked tirelessly to minister to his own congregation, Christians United Baptist Church, to provide for the homeless at the shelter, and to assist other churches and civic organizations in their missions to help people in need; and

WHEREAS, Larry G. Hill will be remembered for his passion and commitment to raise up his fellow citizens and greatly missed by his wife Cynthia Hill, his three children, and his many good friends and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a beloved pastor and outstanding Virginian, the Reverend Larry G. Hill; 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 the Reverend Larry G. Hill as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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