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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 316

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Celebrating the life of A. W. Horton, Jr.

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WHEREAS, A. W. Horton, Jr., a respected citizen and business owner in the community of Raven, died on August 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, born in Raven, A. W. "June" Horton was the son of the late A. W. Horton, Sr., and Dora Crockett Horton, both Raven natives, and graduated from Richlands High School in 1934; and

WHEREAS, June Horton served valiantly in the United States Army during World War II, landing at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, on D-Day with Company K, 116th Infantry, 29th Division, and he received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained during his service; and

WHEREAS, after returning from military duty, June Horton became manager of the Raven Supermarket, and in the 1970s, the Horton family purchased the market and operated it more like a general store of decades past—offering merchandise ranging from groceries to hardware, home and garden supplies to clothing, and allowing customers to make purchases on credit; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions as a small business leader in Raven, for which he was named Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year in 2001, June Horton was a voter registrar for 46 years and served on the local election board for 44 years; he also served for several years on the first board of the Tazewell County Public Service Authority and was a director for First National Bank; and

WHEREAS, June Horton was an active and dedicated member and treasurer, since 1966, of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 A.F. & A.M., a member of the Kazim Shriners Temple in Roanoke, and a member of Barnes-Beavers VFW Post in Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, a devoted and caring person, June Horton was a faithful member of Clearview United Methodist Church and a strong supporter of the church's many missions and programs; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, June Horton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughter, Jane Ellen Horton; his son, Rocky Horton and wife, Pat; his step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of A. W. Horton, Jr., a fine Virginian; 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 A. W. Horton, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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