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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 766

Offered January 20, 2009

Celebrating the life of George Rogers Clark Stuart.

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WHEREAS, George Rogers Clark Stuart of Abingdon, an outstanding lawyer for 40 years and a former member of the House of Delegates from 1970 to 1973, died on August 23, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a native of Abingdon, George Rogers "Rog" Clark Stuart, the son of the late William Alexander Stuart and Ellen Bodley Stuart, had begun study at Hampden-Sydney College when his education was interrupted by World War II; he bravely served his country in the United States Army in the 1st Infantry Division in Europe, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and at the Bridge at Remagen; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Rog Stuart earned degrees from Williams College in Massachusetts and Oxford University in England, and he received a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Rog Stuart began his career in 1950 with the law firm of Burns and Lively in Lebanon and then joined his family's firm of Penn, Stuart, & Phillips in Abingdon, specializing in litigation; and

WHEREAS, desiring to make a difference in the Commonwealth, Rog Stuart was elected to two terms in the House of Delegates, representing the citizens of Smyth and Washington Counties, a part of Scott County, and the City of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Stuart was an able lawmaker and influential member of the Democratic Caucus who worked diligently to enact important legislation for the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life and career, Rog Stuart was involved in community affairs as a member and officer of numerous civic organizations, including the boards of the Barter Foundation, Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Johnston Memorial Hospital, and Washington County National Bank and as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Rog Stuart was the attorney for the Industrial Development Authority of Washington County, which has been responsible for much of that area's industrial development; and

WHEREAS, Rog Stuart was a faithful member of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon and was active in the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, Rog Stuart will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Mary Baker Stuart; his two daughters, Lane Sherwood Stuart and Ellen Stuart Dixon; his two stepchildren, Barbara Wampler Harr and State Senator William C. Wampler, Jr.; his two wonderful grandchildren; his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a fine attorney, a respected member of the House of Delegates, and an outstanding Virginian, George Rogers Clark Stuart; 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 George Rogers Clark Stuart as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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