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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 869

Offered February 9, 2009

Celebrating the life of Ronald Lee Jackson.

Patrons—Bowling; Senator: Puckett

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WHEREAS, Ronald Lee Jackson, a respected citizen and community volunteer from Pilgrim Knob, a small community in Buchanan County, died on June 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ohio, Ronald (Ronnie) Jackson was born to Elbert Jackson, Jr., and Lorraine Horne Jackson on July 16, 1957; he was raised in Buchanan County and graduated from Whitewood High School; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Ronnie Jackson married his one and only love, Brenda, and the couple had two wonderful children and were married 26 years; and

WHEREAS, a hard worker and dedicated employee, Ronnie Jackson began work as a chipper for Georgia Pacific and mechanic at Bob White's garage; he then became a professional truck driver, working for Lonzo Presley Trucking, Claude V. Keen Trucking Company, and GaSco Drilling Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Jackson enjoyed working with his hands; he was a skilled carpenter, welder, gardener, and mechanic, and loved working on and completing 75 percent of the construction of his own home; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the needs of others, Ronnie Jackson was actively involved in his community, serving as a member of the Grundy Jaycees, the Whitewood Lions Club, and charter member of the Twin Valley Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Jackson volunteered with the Remote Area Medical Program in Grundy, which provides help to residents who do not have medical insurance, and was an Assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America Troop 749, where he was an instructor for the Leatherworking Merit Badge and enjoyed helping with the Klondike Derby, spring and fall Camporees, and Camp Davy Crockett; and

WHEREAS, a humble and friendly man with a positive attitude, Ronnie Jackson never met a stranger; he loved spending time with his family, his friends, and people in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Jackson will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Brenda; sons, Mark and John; and numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a respected community volunteer and outstanding Virginian, Ronald Lee Jackson; 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 Ronald Lee Jackson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.