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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 360

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Celebrating the life of Andrew Lucius Turner, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Andrew Lucius Turner, Jr., of Deltaville and Roanoke, a retired businessman and community leader, died on December 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Roanoke, Andrew (Andy) Turner was born on January 2, 1919, to the late Andrew Lucius Turner and the late Elsie Lee (Lemon) Turner and was one of four siblings; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 13; he graduated from Jefferson High School and the Virginia Military Institute, Class of 1940, where he was third in his class and a member of the horse-drawn field artillery; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner met the love of his life, Evelyn Stearns, on a blind date; they were married in 1943 and raised a wonderful family of six children together; and

WHEREAS, a member of the "Greatest Generation," Andy Turner was stationed in India for two years during World War II, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and received the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, following an honorable discharge from the service, Andy Turner settled in Roanoke and joined Turner Candy Company, a wholesale distributor; a savvy and hard-working businessman, he later expanded the company to Turner Distributing Company; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner generously gave of his time and talents in the community as past president and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis International, a hospice volunteer, and a passionate advocate and board chairman of the Salvation Army, where he loved ringing the bell at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, as a small child, Andy Turner was enrolled in the nursery of Roanoke's First Baptist Church in 1921 and he maintained his church membership for almost 90 years; he was actively involved in the church and served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and chairman of the finance committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1932 Andy Turner made his first trip to the "Rivah" during a fishing trip with his father; he and his family enjoyed visiting every summer and in 1994, he became a year-round resident; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner became actively involved in the community of Deltaville, including as a member of the YMCA, Power Squadron, Rivers Club, Fishing Bay Yacht Club, ROMEOs, Turkey Hunters of the Northern Neck, Lower United Methodist Church, Deltaville Maritime Museum, Great Decisions, and Deltaville Community Association; he also served as Grand Marshal of the Heritage Day Parade in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner loved fishing, hunting, playing cards, dancing, and golf and most of all, spending time with his beloved children and grandchildren; he taught each grandchild to fish and attended numerous PTA meetings, Christmas pageants, and dance recitals; and

WHEREAS, Andy Turner will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 67 years, Evelyn; their children Sydney, Leslie, Courtney, Andrew, Marion, and Michael and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a beloved businessman and community leader, Andrew Lucius Turner, Jr.; 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 Andrew Lucius Turner, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.