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Celebrating the life of Elliott Bonsack McCormick.

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WHEREAS, Elliott Bonsack McCormick, an admired member of the Pittsylvania County community, died on February 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick, born at the McCormick family home place known as "Mountain View," spent most of his life in the small community of Java in Pittsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, an active young man, Elliott McCormick played first base for the Spring Garden High School baseball team and earned his private pilot's license when he was just a senior; he later played for Pittsylvania County's semi-pro baseball league; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick loved farming and happily spent his career in agriculture, growing tobacco and grain and raising cattle and hogs on his farm; and

WHEREAS, a member and former president of the Pittsylvania County Farm Bureau, Elliott McCormick worked for the Virginia Farm Bureau for nearly two decades as a crop hail adjustor; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick also worked to ensure the well-being of local agricultural producers as a member of the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency County Committee; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the local community, Elliott McCormick ably represented the Banister District on the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick worked diligently with other supervisors, county leaders, and local residents to ensure the efficient and effective operation of local government; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick provided strong leadership to the board of supervisors as chair for four years and served for 12 years on the finance committee; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick was a charter member of the Riceville-Java Volunteer Fire Department and a 60-year Mason, having been a member of Polk Lodge No. 61 A.F. & A.M. and served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 38th Masonic District; and

WHEREAS, Elliott McCormick enjoyed fellowship and worship at First Baptist Church of Riceville, where he had served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and joint treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Elliott McCormick loved to fly his airplane and ride his motorcycle, enjoying the company of others and the scenic beauty of Pittsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, a vital member of the Pittsylvania County community, Elliott McCormick made many contributions to the well-being of his fellow residents through his dedicated community service; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Elliott McCormick will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Virginia; children, Barbara and Louise, and their families, including grandchildren Jennifer and Hilton, and great-granddaughter, Emerson; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected citizen of Pittsylvania County, Elliott Bonsack McCormick; 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 Elliott Bonsack McCormick as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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