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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 244

Offered January 31, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Carroll Edward Keen, Sr.*

Patron—Morris

WHEREAS, Carroll Edward Keen, Sr., a respected small business owner, decorated veteran of World War II, and supporter of the Smithfield community, died on September 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chatham, Carroll "Pete" Keen graduated from Pittsylvania High School in 1939 and worked in Newport News as a young man, first in the construction industry and then for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company; and

WHEREAS, Pete Keen entered the United States Army in 1944 and fought in France and Germany with distinction as a member of the 398th Regiment, Company F, 100th Infantry Division; he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Pete Keen was one of the "Sons of Bitche," soldiers who took part in the advance on Bitche, a heavily defended village in France; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Pete Keen returned to Newport News and attended apprentice school at the Newport News shipyard; he then worked for more than 28 years as a master machinist at Dunkum's Machine Shop, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, Pete Keen, together with his son and daughter-in-law, opened Keen's Automotive Center in Smithfield; during his years in Isle of Wight County, Pete Keen supported many county projects and was a respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Pete Keen will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by Grace, his wife of 71 years; his children, Carroll, Jr., Brenda, Carolyn, and Ruth, and their families; 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 Carroll Edward Keen, Sr., a successful small business owner, World War II veteran, and supporter of the community; 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 Carroll Edward Keen, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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