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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 474

Offered March 3, 2014

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable William Kent Bowers.*

Patron—Cline

WHEREAS, the Honorable William Kent Bowers, a respected substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District of Virginia and a friend to many in the community, died on October 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Harrisonburg, Kent Bowers graduated from Harrisonburg High School and the University of Virginia; he earned a law degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a highly professional and skilled attorney, Kent Bowers practiced law in Harrisonburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers became a substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court of the 26th Judicial District of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Kent Bowers served the community and the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Kent Bowers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his mother, Elene; sisters, Beth and Julie; and numerous 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 the Honorable William Kent Bowers, a respected substitute judge of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham General District Court and an active member of the Harrisonburg 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 the Honorable William Kent Bowers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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