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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 194

Offered March 3, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Harry Jackson Bennett.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Austin

WHEREAS, Harry Jackson Bennett, a respected farmer and a lifelong member of the Rich Patch community, died on February 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Watahala Farms in Rich Patch, Harry Bennett was an industrious farmer and an active contributor to the agriculture industry; he had the top-producing dairy herd in the Commonwealth for 11 years and held a national record for production; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bennett received many awards and accolades throughout his career; he was named the 1992 Lancaster Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year and the 1985 Virginia Distinguished Dairyman; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bennett offered his leadership and expertise to the Alleghany County Farm Bureau, the board of directors of Farm Credit, and the Dairy Science Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bennett worked to protect the local environment as the Alleghany County representative on the board of directors of the Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District for many years; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bennett enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Rich Patch Union Church, where he served as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Mary, Harry Bennett will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Stephen, Ronald, Deborah, and Kimberly, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Harry Jackson Bennett, a hardworking farmer and a lifelong resident of Rich Patch in Alleghany County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Harry Jackson Bennett as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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