

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

*Celebrating the life of James Carlton Tennant.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2014  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2014

WHEREAS, James Carlton Tennant, an admired community leader from Millboro in Bath County who made many contributions to the well-being of his fellow residents, died on April 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bath County, James "Jim" Tennant proudly served his country during World War II as a radio operator on board bombers in the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tennant was rescued from the cold waters of the English Channel after parachuting out of his plane when it was shot down and survived two later crash landings to return to his native Bath County and become a vital member of the community; and

WHEREAS, for 39 years, Jim Tennant owned and managed the Mountain View Service Station at the foot of Warm Springs Mountain, providing outstanding customer service to local residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tennant worked alongside other community members to bring telephone service to the area, helped in the creation of two industrial parks in Bath County during his service on the Industrial Development Authority, served more than 30 years on the Bath County Electoral Board and provided strong leadership as chair, and provided wise insight for 50 years on the BARC Electric Cooperative Board; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his fellow veterans, Jim Tennant was a member of Coleman-Brinkley VFW Post 4204 and a respected community speaker who, as the last survivor of his original World War II flying crew, kept the memory of his fellow airmen alive through the sharing of the stories of his military service; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tennant took an active role at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church, serving as treasurer and as an elder, singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday School; he took an active leadership role at Fairview Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tennant was a 63-year member of the Millboro Masonic Lodge No. 28 A.F. & A.M., the Alleghany Royal Arch Chapter No. 24 of the Royal Arch Masons, and the Alleghany Commandery No. 23; and

WHEREAS, Jim Tennant was a member of the Kazim Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. of Roanoke, the Hot Springs Shrine Club, and the Clifton Forge Shrine Club; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep faith, Jim Tennant worked diligently to enhance the quality of life of his fellow residents and leaves behind a legacy of service to his community and country; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Gloria, Jim Tennant will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Linda, Jimbo, and Michael, 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 a respected citizen of Millboro, James Carlton Tennant; and, be it

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

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