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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5034

Offered April 24, 2014

Celebrating the life of Robert H. Conner.

Patrons—Ruff; Delegate: Tyler

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WHEREAS, Robert H. Conner, a diligent public servant and successful businessman in Brunswick County, died on April 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Brunswick County, Robert "Rudy" Conner was raised in South Hill and

graduated from Park View High School; and WHEREAS, a successful and admired entrepreneur, Rudy Conner and his wife co-owned Conner

Claims Service from 1980 to 2006; he also owned a beef cattle farm in Brunswick County; and WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the people of Brunswick County, Rudy Conner ran for and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the people of Brunswick County, Rudy Conner ran for and was elected to the board of supervisors, where he ably represented the Meherrin District from 1992 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, a certified planning commissioner, Rudy Conner represented the board of supervisors on the Brunswick County Planning Commission; he worked to preserve the area's natural resources by creating the Brunswick County Water Safety Committee and supporting the designation of the Meherrin River as a Virginia State Scenic River; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Conner helped implement efforts to name and map roads to facilitate countywide 911 services and oversaw the construction of the Albertis S. Harrison Courthouse and the development of the Fort Christanna Historical Site; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Conner strove to enhance the community on several local boards and generously offered his time and wise leadership to a variety of civic, service, and peer organizations, including as a master mason with the Masonic Lodge of Richmond and a past president of the South Brunswick Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Conner also worked to safeguard the lives and property of his fellow residents as a life member of Ebony Volunteer Fire Department, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Prospect United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rudy Conner will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of more than 50 years, Patricia; sons, Robert and Charles, 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 Robert H. Conner, a pillar of the Brunswick County community; and, be it

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