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Offered November 8, 2014

Celebrating the life of William Dewey Clower.

Patron—Reeves

WHEREAS, William Dewey Clower, a respected businessman, trusted advisor to four United States presidents, and active community leader in Spotsylvania County, died on October 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Salem, William Clower earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and honorably served his country in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, after beginning his professional career as an engineer, William Clower served as special assistant for advance planning to President Richard M. Nixon and as a deputy assistant to Vice President Gerald R. Ford; he went on to serve as an associate director of the Domestic Council for Intergovernmental Affairs; and

WHEREAS, William Clower was appointed to the Peace Corps Presidential Advisory Committee and the Industry Policy Advisory Committee by President Ronald W. Reagan and to the White House Trade Association Advisory Committee by President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, William Clower became the president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Truck Stop Operators, Inc., (NATSO) and in 1990, he chartered the NATSO Foundation to provide relief to disaster victims; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement in 2002, William Clower moved to the Fawn Lake area of Spotsylvania County; he cofounded the Men's Christian Fellowship at Fawn Lake and served on the Adult Advisory Committee for Young Life in Fairfax and Spotsylvania Counties; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of several church communities throughout his life, William Clower enjoyed fellowship and worship with his fellow Spotsylvania County residents at Hope Presbyterian Church, where he was a member of the strategic planning board; and

WHEREAS, William Clower will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Shirley; children, Michael, Candice, and Cathy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Dewey Clower, a respected civil servant, businessman, and community leader in Spotsylvania County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Dewey Clower as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.