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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 209

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*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Thomas Jack Bondurant, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas Jack Bondurant, Sr., a respected attorney who served the Lebanon community for many years and a retired judge of the 27th and 29th Judicial Districts of Virginia, died on February 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Damascus, Jack Bondurant grew up in Elk Garden and learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age while working on the Stuart Land and Cattle Company Farm; and

WHEREAS, Jack Bondurant graduated from Lebanon High School and attended Emory & Henry College, before joining many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II; he earned several awards and decorations for his valorous military service, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Jack Bondurant finished his undergraduate degree at Emory & Henry College and earned a law degree from the University of Richmond under the GI Bill; and

WHEREAS, Jack Bondurant returned to Lebanon, where he opened a solo legal practice, then started a general practice firm with two other attorneys, offering nearly every legal service the members of the rural community might need; and

WHEREAS, appointed as a judge of the 27th and 29th Judicial Districts of Virginia, Jack Bondurant presided with great fairness and wisdom over General District Courts in the Counties of Bland, Giles, and Russell with great fairness and wisdom for many years; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement as a judge, Jack Bondurant lived near family members in Salem and Atlanta, Georgia; he and his wife Peggy traveled to all 50 states, every province and territory in Canada, and countries throughout Central and South America, Europe, and North Africa; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Jack Bondurant served the community and the Commonwealth with the utmost professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Jack Bondurant will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Peggy; children, Betsy and Thomas, Jr., 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 the Honorable Thomas Jack Bondurant, Sr., a respected attorney and former judge of the 27th and 29th Judicial Districts of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Thomas Jack Bondurant, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.