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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1027

Offered February 17, 2017

*Celebrating the life of John Harvey Givens, Jr.*

Patrons—Yost; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, John Harvey Givens, Jr., the former Mayor of the Town of Pearisburg, a respected community leader, and a compassionate funeral director, died on January 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Givens served as Mayor of the Town of Pearisburg from 1994 to 2002 and was instrumental in the revitalization of the town and the strengthening of its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a 1955 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming, John Givens returned to Pearisburg to operate the family business, Givens Funeral Home, for more than 60 years; he went above and beyond in the practice of his profession, serving the residents of Pearisburg with dignity, grace, compassion, and the utmost professionalism; and

WHEREAS, John Givens served the citizens of the Commonwealth as a member and then president of the Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers from 1986 until 1992; and

WHEREAS, John Givens was a member of the board of directors of the Carilion Giles Community Hospital and the National Bank of Blacksburg for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in his later years, John Givens loved to sit on his front porch and wave to all who passed by, offer a kind word to all who stopped in, provide care and support to all who called upon him in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, John Givens was an active, respected, admired, and beloved member of his community, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with sadness the loss of a fine funeral director and an exceptional citizen of Pearisburg, John Harvey Givens, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Harvey Givens, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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