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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 739

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Celebrating the life of James Early Wood.

Patrons—Fowler, Cole and Peace; Senators: Dunnavant and McClellan

WHEREAS, James Early Wood of Hanover County, a decorated veteran of World War II and a respected entrepreneur, died on November 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a child of the Great Depression, J. Early Wood learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age; as a young man, he baked bread for the Continental Baking Company and became a route sales manager; and

WHEREAS, J. Early Wood joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Army; he parachuted into France with the 101st Airborne Division during the D-Day invasion and helped hold the Allies' lines during the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, wounded on D-Day and again near the end of the war, J. Early Wood received two Purple Hearts and earned a Bronze Star for his valorous actions; after his honorable military service, he returned to the Commonwealth to become a contributing member of the community; and

WHEREAS, J. Early Wood worked in the insurance business for Prudential for more than 20 years, and then served his fellow community members as an independent agent; later in life, he turned a hobby into a 40-year career when he opened J. Early Wood Golf Carts, an Ashland institution that he operated until 2015; and

WHEREAS, J. Early Wood will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Virginia; children, James and Lil, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Early Wood, a respected veteran and entrepreneur in Hanover County; 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 James Early Wood as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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