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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 789

Offered January 19, 2017

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Jackie Thomas Stump.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Jackie Thomas Stump of Abingdon, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and a staunch advocate for the hardworking residents of Southwest Virginia, died on June 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Russell County, Jackie Stump resided in Buchanan County for most of his life and was proud of his Southwest Virginia roots; he served his country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Jackie Stump pursued a career as a coal miner; he was elected as secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America District 28 in 1979 and as president in 1986, providing leadership to local miners during the strike against the Pittston Coal Company; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the region and the Commonwealth, Jackie Stump ran for the Virginia House of Delegates in 1989 as an independent, write-in candidate and won a historic landslide victory; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Stump represented the residents of Buchanan County and parts of Russell and Tazewell Counties and worked to bring jobs and new opportunities to Southwest Virginia; he introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation, including the Coal Mine Safety Act in 1999; and

WHEREAS, a man of humility and integrity, Jackie Stump provided his fellow delegates with new perspectives, and he served the Southwest Virginia community and the entire Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Stump also worked to enhance the community as a member of several boards and commissions, including the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Stump will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 25 years, Linda; his daughter, Ahbra; his mother, Margret; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Jackie Thomas Stump, a public servant and an advocate for workers' rights; 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 Jackie Thomas Stump as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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