HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 159

Celebrating the life of Gary Lee Eaton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Gary Lee Eaton, a patriotic veteran, dedicated public servant, and active community leader in Rich Creek, died on July 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Rich Creek, Gary Eaton studied machine technology at Virginia Western Community College; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eaton honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, earning the Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Gary Eaton ran for and was elected to the Rich Creek Town Council; he served as Mayor of Rich Creek from 1990 to 2003 and was reelected as mayor in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eaton also offered his leadership to the community as chair of the Giles County Board of Supervisors and as a member of the Giles County Public Service Authority Board of Directors, Carilion Giles Community Hospital Board of Directors, and the New River Valley Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, Gary Eaton was active with the American Legion, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Freemasons, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Glen Lyn Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Dreama, Gary Eaton will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife of 11 years, Marsha; daughters, Dina and Denise, 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 Gary Lee Eaton, a respected veteran, public servant, and leader in Giles 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 Gary Lee Eaton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.