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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 369

Offered February 26, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Orrin Luce French, Sr.*

Patrons—Gilbert; Senators: Obenshain and Vogel

WHEREAS, Orrin Luce French, Sr., an attorney, businessman, and farmer, who made many contributions to the Woodstock community, died on April 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Woodstock, Orrin French attended Shenandoah County Public Schools and studied at Massanutten Military Academy, before earning a bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Orrin French honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army, then went into business with one of his brothers as co-owner of French Brothers Dairy; he also engaged in other real estate, business, and farming pursuits with his brothers; and

WHEREAS, Orrin French later opened a law office on Lawyers Row, where he practiced for more than 30 years with his partner and friend, Kevin Black; he was an active member of the Virginia State Bar for nearly 60 years; and

WHEREAS, later in his legal career, Orrin French served as a substitute judge for the Shenandoah Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and the Shenandoah General District Court; and

WHEREAS, Orrin French also supported the community by participating in many civic and service organizations, including as chair of the Shenandoah County Electoral Board, director of the Shenandoah County Fair Association, board member of First Union National Bank, and a member of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee; and

WHEREAS, Orrin French enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout, lifelong member of Woodstock United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Orrin French will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Joyce; his children, Valerie and Orrin, Jr., and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Orrin Luce French, Sr., a respected attorney, businessman, and farmer in Woodstock; 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 Orrin Luce French, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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