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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Offered January 30, 2018

Celebrating the life of Robert Lee Dodd, Jr.

Patron—Peace

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Dodd, Jr., a beloved husband and father and a respected resident of Hanover County who worked as a farmer for over 60 years, died on March 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in 1930, Robert "Robby" Lee Dodd, Jr., owned Dodd's Acres Farm, a family farm in Hanover County known for its variety of delicious produce; and

WHEREAS, Robby Dodd was among the most prominent farmers of Central Virginia's famed Hanover tomatoes; he and his wife, Jane, sold red and yellow tomatoes to local residents, in addition to grocery stores and markets along the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, Robby Dodd was associated with the annual Hanover Tomato Festival for over 25 years; each year, his farm supplied the festival with hundreds of boxes of locally grown tomatoes; and

WHEREAS, Robby Dodd took great pleasure in his work and treasured the time he spent with the workers at Dodd's Acres Farm, who often numbered over 40 during peak season; and

WHEREAS, fond of saying "you got to love what you are doin'," Robby Dodd worked as a farmer for over 60 years and frequently insisted that he had no intentions of retiring; even at the age of 86, he still oversaw his tomato crop and worked at his Mechanicsville packing house; and

WHEREAS, Robby Dodd will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 64 years, Jane; children, Joe, Charles, Robin, and Steve, and their families; and countless other family members, friends, and members of the Hanover County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Lee Dodd, Jr., a skilled and dedicated farmer who helped make Hanover-grown tomatoes famous; 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 Robert Lee Dodd, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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