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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 227

Offered March 5, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Walter C. White.*

Patron—Suetterlein

WHEREAS, Walter C. White, a lifelong resident of Wythe County and the longtime chair of the Wythe County School Board, died on May 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Walter White was born on September 27, 1928, and attended Wythe County Public Schools before embarking on a 35-year career with Kroger, where he worked at stores across Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Walter White represented the eastern end of Wythe County on the school board for 33 years, including 14 years as chair, and worked with five school superintendents during that time; and

WHEREAS, during his lengthy tenure on the board, Walter White worked with the county's Board of Supervisors and members of the community to lead the renovation and construction of modern school facilities; and

WHEREAS, Walter White was known for his willingness to engage with school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and members of the community to ensure the successful operation of the county's school system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as an elected official, Walter White served Wythe County in several other capacities, including as a member of the Wythe County Community Hospital Board and on the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce, where he led the effort to create a farmer's market in downtown Wytheville; and

WHEREAS, Walter White was a devout Christian and a longtime member of Fort Chiswell United Methodist Church, where he served as chair of the administrative board and the building committee; he helped lead an expansion of the church in 2010 and helped organize additional church activities, such as the church's annual chicken barbecue; and

WHEREAS, Walter White is fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 68 years, Daisy; daughters, Jan, Joy, and Judy, and their families; and many other family, church, and community members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Walter C. White, a dedicated public servant and a respected member of the Wythe County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Walter C. White as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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