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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 377

Offered February 11, 2019

Celebrating the life of Garner Allen Barker.

Patrons—Carrico; Delegates: Campbell, J.L., Kilgore and Pillion

WHEREAS, Garner Allen Barker, a longtime firefighter and an active member of the Big Stone Gap community, died on March 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a 1972 graduate of Powell Valley High School, Garner Barker made his career as a coal miner; he previously worked at Westmoreland Coal Company and had recently retired from Arch Coal, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Garner Barker served and safeguarded his fellow residents as a member of the Big Stone Gap Fire Department, ably responding to fires, medical emergencies, and other crises for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Garner Barker volunteered his time with Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge No. 208, the Jericho Temple, and the Wise County Shrine Club, where he earned renown as the master of the smoker, using his own blend of spices to craft delicious ribs; and

WHEREAS, Garner Barker will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 45 years, Cathy; his son, Clint, and his family; and numerous other family 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 Garner Allen Barker; and, be it

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

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