SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 386

Commending Jesse's Barber Shop.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019

WHEREAS, after 70 years of service to generations of community members, Jesse's Barber Shop in Independence closed its doors on September 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Cebert Anders started Jesse's Barber Shop in 1948, and ownership of the business was passed down to his son, Jesse, and his grandsons, Bruce and Chris; and

WHEREAS, Cebert Anders owned and operated Jesse's Barber Shop until he passed away at the age of 65, when the business was handed down to Jesse Anders, who had begun shining shoes in the shop at age 11 and was cutting hair by the age of 13 in 1951; and

WHEREAS, turning 80 years old in January 2019 influenced Jesse Anders' decision to close the shop after a long career that included service to his profession, serving five terms on the Virginia State Board for Barbers and Cosmetology, attending barber seminars around the country and the globe, and running two other area salons; and

WHEREAS, along with providing quality personal care services at Jesse's Barber Shop, Jesse Anders also served an important role in the Grayson County community; he is a founding member of the Jaycees and helped start the first recreation and sports programs for Grayson County; he served as a Grayson County Board of Supervisors member from 1972 to 1976 while helping to develop the first trash pick-up and waste management services and also to survey land for significant community buildings, including the Grayson County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Anders' sons Bruce and Chris have been co-owners at Jesse's Barber Shop and eventually partnered in running the business as years passed; Bruce began his barbering career in 1979, and Chris followed shortly after in 1984; both sons will continue the legacy and family profession at their own businesses, taking the memories and friendships that they have cultivated over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jesse's Barber Shop for providing quality personal care services for 70 years; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jesse's Barber Shop as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its longevity and service to the community.