HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4003

Celebrating the life of Edwin Randolph Shields.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Edwin Randolph Shields, a respected farmer, businessman, and member of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors who dedicated his life to community service, died on June 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Shields lived in Dry Fork for more than 65 years, earning the admiration of his fellow residents for his skill as a tobacco farmer; he also worked as a property developer and oversaw the creation of several new subdivisions in the area; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Edwin Shields ran for and was elected to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors in 1972 and represented the residents of the Blairs district for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, among his many achievements in service to the residents of Pittsylvania County, Edwin Shields helped increase water and sewer access for homes and businesses in the Blairs district and was instrumental in the expansion of the county courthouse, which was renamed in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Shields volunteered his wise leadership to Carter Masonic Lodge No. 323, Mount Hermon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and White Oak Community Center; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Edwin Shields enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Oakland United Methodist Church for more than 65 years, including 49 years as a member of the church's administrative council board; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Shields will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 63 years, Joan; his sons, Denny and Bryan, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Edwin Randolph Shields; 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 Edwin Randolph Shields as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.