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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 115

Offered February 11, 2020

Celebrating the life of Billy Bernard Lawrence.

Patrons—Stanley and Reeves

WHEREAS, Billy Bernard Lawrence, a successful entrepreneur in Martinsville, died on May 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawrence was a native of Henry County and served his country during the Korean War as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after returning home to the Commonwealth, Billy Lawrence established Billy Lawrence Farms and Lawrence Distributing Company; he offered his expertise to the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association, National Beer Wholesalers Association, and the Virginia Wine Wholesalers Association; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his career, Billy Lawrence received several awards and accolades, including the Life Service Award from the National Beer Wholesalers Association and the Enduring Enterprise Award from the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawrence was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Granbery United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawrence will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 64 years, Dovie "Shirley"; his daughters, Linda and Sandra, and their families; 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 Billy Bernard Lawrence, a respected business owner in Martinsville; and, be it

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

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