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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 132

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Celebrating the life of David M. Hinkle.

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WHEREAS, David M. Hinkle, a dedicated educator, respected real estate agent, and cherished civic leader of the Shenandoah community, died on February 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1939, David "Dave" Hinkle earned a bachelor's degree from Davis & Elkins College and a master's degree in education from James Madison University; and

WHEREAS, beginning his teaching and coaching career in Goochland County, Dave Hinkle would live in Delaware, Florida, and Hampton before ultimately settling in the Shenandoah Valley, where he became a beloved educator and coach at Page County High School, Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton, and Amelia County High School; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from his career as a teacher, Dave Hinkle began a new venture in real estate, forming his own firm in Elkton and serving as an associate with companies in Harrisonburg and Luray; and

WHEREAS, Dave Hinkle committed the later years of his life to his community as a public servant in Shenandoah, serving on the Town Council for over a decade, on various town committees, and with the Town Planning Commission, ensuring the town government was well-managed and responsive to its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, an avid history buff, Dave Hinkle served as president of the Shenandoah Heritage Center, an organization that operates Stevens Cottage, a Virginia and National Historic Landmark, and endeavors to preserve the town's rich history; and

WHEREAS, for over 20 years, Dave Hinkle led the volunteer effort to host the Shenandoah Memorial Day Festival and Parade, a treasured annual event that drew many to Shenandoah to honor veterans for their service; and

WHEREAS, guided by his abiding faith to live his life in service to others, Dave Hinkle enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community as a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Elkton and an attendee at Mt. Lebanon Congregational Church in Shenandoah; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his adoring wife, Betty Ann, Dave Hinkle will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by his children, David and Lori, 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 David M. Hinkle, passionate educator, esteemed real estate agent, and devoted civic leader of Shenandoah; and, be it

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