SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Celebrating the life of William Edward Mills.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 2, 2020

WHEREAS, William Edward Mills, an accomplished printer and cherished member of the Page County community, died on October 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Salisbury, Maryland, in 1930, William "Bill" Mills dedicated his entire half-century career to printing, serving both the federal government and the *Salisbury Times* for 20 years each and *The Wall Street Journal* for a decade; and

WHEREAS, retiring in 1984, Bill Mills and his wife, Hazel, relocated to Page County, where they quickly became active and involved members of their newfound community; and

WHEREAS, always willing to help with a service project, Bill Mills contributed to the construction of Page County's first Habitat for Humanity home and assisted the county's first Litter Control Council; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mills' impact in the community was also felt through his membership in several local service and fraternal organizations, including Lafayette Lodge 137 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Page Chapter 4 of the Royal Arch Masons, for whom he served as high priest; Page Chapter 24 of the Order of the Eastern Star, which recognized him as a worthy patron; and the Stanley Lions Club, for which he was a past president; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Bill Mills was a member of Page United Methodist Church, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mills will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his beloved wife of 71 years, Hazel; his daughters, Chris and Priscilla, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Edward Mills, who touched countless lives in the Page County community through his service and friendship; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Edward Mills as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.