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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 352

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of John B. Davis.

Patrons—Hanger, Deeds and Obenshain; Delegates: Avoli and Runion

WHEREAS, John B. Davis, esteemed and longtime clerk of the Augusta County Circuit Court and beloved member of the Fishersville community, died on January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville with bachelor's and master's degrees from James Madison University, John Davis served Augusta County Public Schools for 11 years as a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator, contributing greatly to the success of his students both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, elected the clerk of the Augusta County Circuit Court in 1983, John Davis ably served his community for 31 years by overseeing a host of legal services and procedures, including the filing and processing of wills; the administration of civil, divorce, and criminal cases; the maintenance of historic records; and the issuing of marriage licenses and gun permits; and

WHEREAS, starting as clerk at a time when the Augusta County Circuit Court operated entirely on paper, John Davis was instrumental in the courthouse's transition to a fully digital operation over the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, John Davis's tenure as clerk of the Augusta County Circuit Court was characterized by his extraordinary ability to connect with people from all walks of life and his commitment to supporting colleagues in Augusta County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, John Davis embraced his role as a public servant and delighted in opportunities to help citizens of Augusta County better understand the legal system, exuding a passion for his work that was inspirational to many; and

WHEREAS, John Davis was a member of the Augusta County Historical Society for more than three decades and served the organization in various leadership roles; his work both with the Augusta County Circuit Court and the Augusta County Historical Society led to the careful preservation of irreplaceable courthouse records from past centuries and the mentorship of many aspiring genealogists; and

WHEREAS, John Davis served on the Augusta Health Board of Directors and on several of the organization's committees for more than 23 years, a period marked by significant growth, an expansion of services, and award-winning care; and

WHEREAS, John Davis will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Patrice; his two sons, Andrew and Joseph, 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 John B. Davis, distinguished clerk of the Augusta County Circuit Court, whose unwavering kindness, generosity, and dedication to his community touched countless lives; and, be it

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

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