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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of William Mantz.

Patrons—Obenshain; Delegate: Gilbert

WHEREAS, William Mantz, an entrepreneur and a longtime volunteer firefighter in Shenandoah County, died on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Woodstock, William "Bill" Mantz left school after eighth grade to begin a career as a heavy equipment operator; he worked on numerous excavation jobs, then established his own business, Fort Valley Excavation, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mantz safeguarded the lives and property of local residents as a life member of the Fort Valley Volunteer Fire Department; he was also an honorary member of the Fort Valley Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and played an active role in fundraising efforts and community events; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mantz worked diligently to enhance the quality of life of all his fellow residents, setting a fine example of servant leadership through his dependability and incomparable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career and community service, Bill Mantz enjoyed landscaping, gardening, and spending time on his farm, and he was an accomplished traveler who had proudly visited all 48 contiguous U.S. states; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mantz enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, where he sang in the adult choir; and

WHEREAS, Bill Mantz will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 35 years, Jennifer; his children, Tracey, Jake, Dawn, Summer, Jamey, Ashle, and Seth, 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 William Mantz, a respected member of the Shenandoah County community; and, be it

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

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