## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 536**

Celebrating the life of Douglas Lee Isaac.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Douglas Lee Isaac of Willis, a respected financial professional, entrepreneur, and a passionate advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, died on January 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wise, Douglas "Doug" Lee Isaac graduated from John I. Burton High School in Norton, earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason University, and subsequently obtained a certified public accountant designation; and

WHEREAS, Doug Isaac served his country as a helicopter crew chief in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, completing more than 25 missions in combat and receiving a Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Doug Isaac pursued a private pilot's license and enjoyed countless recreational flights over the Commonwealth in his single-engine plane; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Doug Isaac lived in Northern Virginia while working as a chief financial officer for government contractors in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Doug Isaac moved to Hillsville, where he and his wife, Charlotte, owned and operated a local deli that became a center of community life with free, weekly performances by local musicians delighting countless residents and visitors on Saturday afternoons; and

WHEREAS, Doug Isaac worked diligently to support people with special needs and intellectual and developmental disabilities by helping to establish group homes in Southwest Virginia and advocating on their behalf before elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Doug Isaac enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church in Willis; and

WHEREAS, Doug Isaac will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 31 years, Charlotte; his children, Douglas and Mary, and their families; his stepson, Stephen, and his family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Douglas Lee Isaac; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Douglas Lee Isaac as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.