

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 536

Celebrating the life of Joseph Howard Tate.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Joseph Howard Tate, a hardworking miner, esteemed public servant, and beloved member of the Dickenson County community, died on February 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Clinchco, Joseph "Joe" Tate graduated from Clinchco High School in 1955 and was a regular presence at the school's annual homecoming for many years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Joe Tate worked tirelessly to support the energy needs of the Commonwealth with the Clinchfield Coal Company, retiring in 1992 after more than 36 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Joe Tate fostered the growth and development of Dickenson County in various elected and appointed positions, including service on the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Joe Tate served two terms as clerk of the Circuit Court of Dickenson County, administering the county's judicial and fiscal matters with grace and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, Joe Tate contributed greatly to his community as a more than 50-year member of Clintwood Lodge No. 66 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and through his longstanding involvement with District 17 of the United Mine Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Joe Tate enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Clintwood, where he was a devoted member for many years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Tate will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 62 years, Mary; his son, Barry, and his family; 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 Joseph Howard Tate, a distinguished public servant whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives in Dickenson County; and, be it

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

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