SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 550

Celebrating the life of John Richard Neese.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, John Richard Neese, a longtime member of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors who made many contributions to the New Market community, died on November 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Market, Richard "Dick" Neese graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School and Triplett Tech; and

WHEREAS, Dick Neese served his country as a member of the United States Army and the Army National Guard; he worked in the food production industry for many years, then went into semi-retirement and held part-time jobs at the New Market Exxon and the Narrow Passage Press printing company; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Dick Neese followed in his father's footsteps as a local public servant and was elected to the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dick Neese ably represented the residents of District 1 for the next 18 years and had been serving as chair of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Dick Neese volunteered his time with the Forestville-Quicksburg Ruritan Club and enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at St. Martin Lutheran Church, where he had served on the church council; and

WHEREAS, Dick Neese will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sons, Michael and Daniel, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Richard Neese, a respected public servant in Shenandoah County; and, be it

RESOLVED FÜRTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Richard Neese as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.