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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 164

Offered January 27, 2022

*Celebrating the life of John Joseph Ferguson.*

Patrons—Kilgore, Ballard, Brewer, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Morefield, O'Quinn, Ransone and Wampler

WHEREAS, John Joseph Ferguson, an honorable veteran and active and beloved member of the Scott County community, died on January 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the former Shoemaker High School in Gate City, John Ferguson served his country with courage and valor as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, John Ferguson was a tireless worker, farming all of his life and ultimately retiring from the glass manufacturer AFG Industries in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, John Ferguson gave generously of his time to the Big Moccasin community, serving many years as the secretary of the Scott County Telephone Cooperative's Board of Directors as well as with the Scott County Farm Bureau and several other local civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, John Ferguson enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at First Baptist Church in Gate City, where he served as deacon; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his service, John Ferguson received military rites conducted by The American Legion Hammond Post #3 of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Post #265 of Gate City, with assistance from members of the Virginia Army National Guard Funeral Honors Program team; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Iva, John Ferguson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, John and Arthur, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Joseph Ferguson, a cherished member of the Scott County community; 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 John Joseph Ferguson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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