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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 125

Offered February 16, 2022

Celebrating the life of Fred Ellsworth Eberly.

Patrons—Obenshain and Hanger; Delegates: Gilbert and Wilt

WHEREAS, Fred Ellsworth Eberly, an accomplished business executive, esteemed public servant, and beloved member of the Harrisonburg community, died on July 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rockingham County, Fred Eberly graduated from Turner Ashby High School in Bridgewater in 1963 and earned a degree from what is now Eastern Mennonite University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Fred Eberly fulfilled his alternative service requirement in Boston working as director of the pulmonary research laboratory at Harvard University's Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and at Tufts New England Medical Center; he also completed graduate studies at Northeastern University at this time; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eberly later returned to his home in the Shenandoah Valley when he took a position as director of the respiratory and pulmonary department at the former Rockbridge Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eberly subsequently joined Excel Steel Works, Inc., in Harrisonburg as a partner and general manager, guiding the company's work in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to the well-being of his community, Fred Eberly was a member of local chapters of both Rotary International and Ruritan National and served on the boards of various organizations, including the Rockingham County School Board, the Virginia School Boards Association, and WVPT public radio; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eberly wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity to represent his community when he was elected to the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors in 2007, serving his constituents with great honor and integrity until he stepped down in 2018; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Fred Eberly enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Lindale Mennonite Church in Linville, serving the church in various capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, Fred Eberly will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Karen; his daughter, Melissa; 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 Fred Ellsworth Eberly, a cherished member of the Harrisonburg community whose kind and good-natured disposition was a comfort and inspiration to all who knew him; and, be it

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

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