

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 721

*Celebrating the life of Richard Hilton Collins.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Richard Hilton Collins, a longtime resident and leader of the business community in Harrisonburg and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, died on August 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born at home in Churchville on December 4, 1934, Richard "Dick" Hilton Collins was the youngest of five children and graduated from the former Churchville High School in 1952, where he was a basketball and baseball standout; and

WHEREAS, after a year of post-graduate studies at Staunton Military Academy, Dick Collins began his career at Kroger Grocery Stores and with Southern Electric in Staunton; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dick Collins moved his family to Harrisonburg and established Electrical Wholesalers, the company he would successfully run until his retirement on December 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the Harrisonburg business community, Dick Collins was named the 1986 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, an active and dedicated member of his community, Dick Collins supported a wide array of industry and community causes for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dick Collins supported educational institutions in his beloved Harrisonburg by funding scholarships at James Madison University and serving on various parent-teacher associations in the local school system; and

WHEREAS, the love of a good dog, any kind of hunting, and the great outdoors were high among Dick Collins' joys in life, and he served in leadership roles with various hunters associations and served on a task force for what is today the Department of Wildlife Resources; and

WHEREAS, a true family man, Dick Collins cherished his 31 years of marriage and remained devoted to his high school sweetheart and wife, Shirley, who preceded him in death on October 18, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Dick Collins took great pride in his daughters, Pamela and Patricia, and their families, including four grandchildren, English, Ralston, Graham, and Bryce, and three great-grandchildren, Preston, Buck, and Luke; and

WHEREAS, Dick Collins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his numerous 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 Richard Hilton Collins, a respected member of the Harrisonburg 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 Richard Hilton Collins as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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