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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 414

Offered February 20, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Ronkeith Adkins.*

Patrons—Suetterlein, Edwards and Obenshain; Delegates: Head and McNamara

WHEREAS, Ronkeith Adkins, an accomplished small business owner, United States Army reservist, and active and beloved member of the Roanoke community, died on November 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the former Southwestern High School in Detroit, Ronkeith Adkins attended what was then the Nashville Auto Diesel College before going on to a career as a small business owner across various industries; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the United States Army Reserve and the Michigan National Guard, Ronkeith Adkins contributed greatly to the readiness and defense of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Ronkeith Adkins was highly involved with the Republican Party in the Roanoke Valley, maintaining membership with the Roanoke County Republican Committee for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Ronkeith Adkins served on the Roanoke County Electoral Board from 1994 to 2018, working tirelessly to ensure the integrity of the locality's elections; and

WHEREAS, Ronkeith Adkins' service to the community included fundraising efforts for the Edinburgh Square affordable retirement community in Roanoke, as well as support of Meals on Wheels and other programs assisting senior citizens and children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Ronkeith Adkins enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, Ronkeith Adkins will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Judy; his children, Ulysses and Alexander, and their families; 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 Ronkeith Adkins, a cherished member of the Roanoke community; and, be it

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

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