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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 215

Offered February 14, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Carl Ray Snodgrass.*

Patrons—Kilgore, Morefield and O'Quinn

WHEREAS, Carl Ray Snodgrass, a dedicated public servant and a champion for responsible economic growth and development in Wise County, died on February 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass graduated from J.J. Kelly High School in Wise and earned two degrees from what is now the University of Virginia's College at Wise; he served his country as a member of the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass began his professional career with Wise County National Bank and later cofounded and served as president of First State Bank; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Carl Snodgrass ran for and was elected to the Wise Town Council and offered his leadership to his fellow residents as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass provided expertise to Wise County government as its economic development chief for more than 30 years and later served as executive director of the Wise County Industrial Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass's visionary leadership resulted in significant job growth through the creation of many beneficial projects such as the Lonesome Pine Business and Technology Park, Wise Inn, and Dominion Hybrid Energy Center; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass was highly admired as an attentive listener who worked to understand the concerns of others, and he was a trusted mentor to countless colleagues in Wise County government; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of the First Church of God in Wise; and

WHEREAS, Carl Snodgrass will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Louise; his son, Scott, and his family; and 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 Carl Ray Snodgrass, a civic leader who made many contributions to life in Wise County and Southwest Virginia; 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 Carl Ray Snodgrass as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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