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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Offered February 22, 2022

Celebrating the life of Larry Benton Day, Sr.

Patron—Ballard

WHEREAS, Larry Benton Day, Sr., a highly admired resident of Narrows, died on February 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day was born on April 18, 1947, to the late Perry Allen Day, Sr., and Pauline Robertson Day; he was a 1965 graduate of Narrows High School; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer fire fighter for 54 years, Larry Benton was the longest-serving member in the history of the Narrows Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day's view of his time in the Narrows Fire Department was simple: "you treat the department as you would your own mother—you do what it takes to take care of it and serve"; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day led the Narrows Fire Department as president and a member of the Board of Directors, and eventually rose to the rank of engineer, in which capacity he safely transported firefighters to and from emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, fully committed to the Narrows Fire Department brotherhood, Larry Day proudly mentored young firefighters, readily providing advice and instruction; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day also worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation for 38 years, beginning his career as a draftsman and retiring as a contract administrator, overseeing roadwork in Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day advocated for responsible growth and development in the community as a member of the Giles County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day enjoyed playing the piano from a young age and had received his first lessons from his grandmother, Mary; he shared his musical talents with others by playing the piano at First Baptist Church of Rich Creek and First Baptist Church of Narrows; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day was married to his beloved wife, Bobbie, for 55 years, and the couple raised three extraordinary children, April Mount of Dublin; Christian Day of Pulaski; and Larry "LB" Day, Jr., of Christiansburg, along with two grandchildren Clark and Jarod Mount; and

WHEREAS, Larry Day will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by 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 Larry Benton Day, Sr., a wonderful public servant and highly admired member of the Narrows 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 Larry Benton Day, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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