

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Gary Michael Roberts.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the Reverend Gary Michael Roberts, a dedicated religious leader and highly admired member of the Richlands and Cedar Bluff communities, died on May 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Tazewell County, Gary Michael "Mike" Roberts graduated from Richlands High School and was one of the first students to major in business administration at Southwest Virginia Community College; and

WHEREAS, Mike Roberts worked for Deskins Supermarket, the *Richlands News-Press*, and WR Boyd Construction; he was a Class A contractor as well as a master electrician and plumber; and

WHEREAS, Mike Roberts began to cultivate his deep and abiding faith at a young age and became a lay preacher and evangelist at Richlands Tabernacle; he subsequently became the pastor of Westside Holiness Church in Raven; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his long career as a minister, Mike Roberts served and supported young people as a founding member of the Southwest Virginia Holiness Youth Camp, known as Camp Golan; and

WHEREAS, Mike Roberts was an avid reader and a passionate historian and scholar, who spent much of his life building a library of Christian works that was second to none in the area; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Debra, Mike Roberts will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Connie; his sons, Aaron, Jonathan, and Benjamin, and their families; his stepchildren, Marthanna and Jonathan, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Gary Michael Roberts; 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 the Reverend Gary Michael Roberts as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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