HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 274

Celebrating the life of Larry Benton Day, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022 Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2022

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 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.