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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 299

Offered February 24, 2022

Celebrating the life of Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr.

Patrons—Marshall and Adams, L.R.; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr., an honorable veteran, accomplished businessman, and beloved member of the Danville community, died on December 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Class of 1944 at George Washington High School in Danville, Landon Wyatt finished his coursework early so that he could enlist with the United States Army Air Corps in 1943 and contribute to the Allied effort during World War II; and

WHEREAS, following his service, Landon Wyatt earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Virginia in 1949 before returning to Danville to work in his father's automobile business, Wyatt Buick Sales Company, where he would ultimately retire as president in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the automobile industry, Landon Wyatt was involved in several other business ventures, including serving as president of Community Enterprises, Inc., and Wyatt Realty Corporation and as manager of Harrison-Wyatt, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Landon Wyatt was an active and engaged member of the community who made a major impact as director of the American National Bank for 35 years and of the Piedmont Broadcasting Corporation for a half-century; and

WHEREAS, Landon Wyatt promoted the health and well-being of others while serving on the board of the former Danville Regional Health System, including as its chairman from 1980 to 2003, and on the boards of Stratford College, Averett University, and the Danville Community College Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, with an eye toward future growth and prosperity in the Danville region, Landon Wyatt served as a director for Smith Seeds, Inc., the Danville Industrial Development Corporation, and the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, while also dutifully carrying out appointments to commissions on both the local and state level; and

WHEREAS, Landon Wyatt was highly involved with the Kiwanis Club of Danville for many years, serving as its president in 1963 and receiving the organization's annual citizenship award in 1984; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Landon Wyatt was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Danville, where he fostered the spiritual maturation of many young people as a Sunday school teacher for more than 70 years and supported the congregation over several terms on its board of deacons; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of nearly 69 years, Kathryn, Landon Wyatt will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Margaret, Landon III, and Elizabeth, and their families and by 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 Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr., a respected member of the Danville community whose commitment to serving others touched countless lives; 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 Landon Russell Wyatt, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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