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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 268

Offered February 14, 2025

Celebrating the life of Joseph Woodrow Snavelly, Jr.

Patrons—Cifers, Aird, Bagby, Boysko, Carroll Foy, Craig, Deeds, DeSteph, Diggs, Durant, Ebbin, Favola, French, Hackworth, Hashmi, Head, Jordan, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, McDougale, McPike, Mulchi, Obenshain, Peake, Pekarsky, Perry, Pillion, Reeves, Roem, Rouse, Salim, Srinivasan, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, VanValkenburg and Williams Graves

WHEREAS, Joseph Woodrow Snavelly, Jr., a distinguished citizen, accomplished professional, dedicated community servant, and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on January 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly was born on July 22, 1947, and grew up in Marion; he demonstrated resilience and determination early in his life as a polio survivor in 1952 and maintained a lifelong commitment to health and fitness through running, cycling, softball, scuba, weekly cardio, and weight training; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly pursued higher education at Lees-McRae College and built a remarkable career as a master electrician, dedicating 44 years of service to Ashland, Inc., and Marathon Oil Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly was a man of many skills and talents, a dedicated professional, and a pillar of his community, leaving behind a legacy of generosity, service, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, a passionate and skilled craftsman, Joseph Snavelly co-founded and served as president of the Greater Huntington Homebrewers Association in West Virginia, earning recognition as an award-winning homebrewer and founding the annual Blues and Brews Festival for the community to gather to enjoy local music and craft beer; and

WHEREAS, an avid chef and gardener, Joseph Snavelly found great joy in preparing meals and sharing his culinary talents with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and later Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served on the safety team and in its annual Christmas Eve meals program, serving and feeding more than 500 people in his community over the course of 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly was an active and accomplished marksman, a competitive firearms shooter, and a committed member of Eastern Kentucky Firearms and Archery; as a National Rifle Association-certified concealed carry instructor, Joseph Snavelly achieved advanced combat handgun training through a Navy SEAL-led program, demonstrating his commitment to firearms education and safety; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly was first married to Marsha Poole, with whom he shared many years of his life and raised two children; in later years, he found love again with his devoted wife, Parker, with whom he shared a home filled with joy; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Snavelly will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Parker; his children, Shayne and Tracie; his grandchildren, Tyson and Ryder; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joseph Woodrow Snavelly, Jr., a highly admired member of his community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joseph Woodrow Snavelly, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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