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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 731**

Offered February 17, 2025

*Celebrating the life of Bobby Gene Atkinson.*

Patrons—Marshall and Phillips; Senator: Mulchi

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson, an honorable veteran and an active and beloved member of the Ringgold community in Pittsylvania County, died on February 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born in Ringgold, Bobby Gene Atkinson served his country and the Commonwealth with honor and distinction as a member of the Virginia National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson devoted many years during his professional career to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and his consulting firm, B & G Consulting; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson promoted the safety and well-being of the Ringgold community during his 22 years on the board of Ringgold Volunteer Fire & Rescue, including 20 years as chair; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson's impact was felt throughout Pittsylvania County as a result of his steadfast service with various local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson was guided throughout his life by his faith and gave generously of his time to benefit the community through his involvement with Ringgold Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Atkinson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 68 years, Betty; his children, Bobby Gene, Jr., and Tonya, and their families; and 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 Bobby Gene Atkinson, a pillar of the Ringgold community whose dedication and legacy of service inspired all who knew him; 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 Bobby Gene Atkinson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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