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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35
2 Offered January 14, 20263 *Celebrating the life of Palmer Leslie Griffith, Jr.*4 _____
5 Patron—Hackworth
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7 WHEREAS, Palmer Leslie Griffith, Jr., a former public servant and iconic restauranteur in
8 Christiansburg, died on September 13, 2025; and
9 WHEREAS, Palmer “Dude” Griffith worked in a local funeral home and ambulance service and served
10 the community as a member of the Christiansburg Rescue Squad for two decades; and
11 WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Dude Griffith ran for and was elected to the Christiansburg
12 Town Council and worked to enhance the quality of life of his fellow residents for many years; and
13 WHEREAS, Dude Griffith was best known as the founder and owner of Dude's Drive-In, a local
14 landmark that since 1978 has served delicious American fare such as freshly pressed hamburgers and
15 homemade chili; and
16 WHEREAS, Dude's Drive-In became a beloved community meeting place through Dude Griffith's vision,
17 passion, and personal warmth; and
18 WHEREAS, over the years, Dude Griffith made many other contributions to his community, and he
19 enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Laurel Hill Church of Christ; and
20 WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Jackie, Dude Griffith will be fondly remembered and
21 greatly missed by his children, Cheryl and Blake, and their families, and numerous other family members and
22 friends; now, therefore, be it
23 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note
24 with great sadness the loss of Palmer Leslie Griffith, Jr., a pillar of the Christiansburg community; and, be it
25 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
 the family of Palmer Leslie Griffith, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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