

1 years, in which time he served as Chairman of the Finance
2 Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Education Committee,
3 Chairman of the Committee on Military, Chairman of Insurance &
4 Corporations, Chairman of Banking & Insurance, and Chairman of
5 Legislature Rule-Making Committee; and

6 Whereas, Ralph Dale Williams was a faithful member of Sewell
7 Valley Baptist Church and supporter of Rainelle Christian Academy;
8 and

9 Whereas, Ralph Dale Williams participated in a myriad of civic
10 organizations including as a member of Rainelle Lions Club for 55
11 years and past district governor of the Lions Clubs International,
12 representing District 29-N, member of Midland Trail Masonic Lodge
13 166 for 49 years; and

14 Whereas, Ralph Dale Williams was Chairman of the board of
15 directors of the Rainelle Medical Center, Chairman of the board of
16 directors of First State Bank & Trust, member of the West Virginia
17 Port Authority, Chairman of the Greenbrier Valley Airport Authority
18 for 26 years, member of the West Virginia Osteopathic Medical
19 Review Board, and received an honorary doctorate degree from the
20 West Virginia Osteopathic School of Medicine, President of Western
21 Greenbrier Development Corporation, President of Greenbrier Woods
22 Corporation, President of Community Aide Inc., member of the
23 Greenbrier Historical Society, lobbyist for West Virginia
24 Architects & Engineers, founding Chairman of the West Virginia

1 State Farm Agents PAC; and

2 Whereas, Ralph Dale Williams was awarded the Leonard Jarrett
3 and a Melvin Jones Fellow awards, was named the Western and
4 Greenbrier Area Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year 1973, and
5 Western Greenbrier Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year
6 1977; and

7 Whereas, Ralph Dale Williams was an avid outdoorsman and loved
8 spending quality time with his loving family, hunting and fishing
9 at the family camp on Anthony Creek in the Monongahela National
10 Forest; and

11 Whereas, Ralph D. Williams was married to his beloved wife of
12 54 years, Evelyn, with whom he shared the joy of having three sons,
13 Alan Dale Schoolcraft-Williams, Mark Kevin Williams and wife,
14 Michelle, and Barry Lee Williams and wife, Robin; and daughter,
15 Myra Dawn and husband, Danny Vestal, all of Rainelle; five
16 grandchildren, Matthew and his wife, Samantha, Krista, Jordan,
17 Joyce Ann "J.J." Schoolcraft-Williams II and Garrett Vestal; and
18 one great-granddaughter, Kayleigh; and

19 Whereas, Sadly, the Honorable Ralph Dale Williams passed away
20 on February 7, 2011, bringing an end to a long and productive life
21 of dedication and commitment to his community and state; therefore,
22 be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate:*

24 That this Senate hereby memorializes the life of the Honorable

1 Ralph Dale Williams, former member of the West Virginia Senate and
2 dedicated public servant; and, be it

3 *Further Resolved*, That the Senate extends its sincere sympathy
4 at the passing of the Honorable Ralph Dale Williams; and, be it

5 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward
6 a copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Ralph Dale
7 Williams.