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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 430

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable Norvell Prentis Smiley, Jr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Norvell Prentis Smiley, Jr., esteemed citizen of the Commonwealth and former judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit for York County and the City of Poquoson, died on December 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bristol, Prentis Smiley graduated from E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, received a bachelor's degree from Lynchburg College, and a law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity, honesty, and considerable legal knowledge, Prentis Smiley practiced law in York County for 30 years before his election to the circuit court bench for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in 1995; and

WHEREAS, an admired and exceptional jurist, Judge Smiley presided over the cases for York County and the City of Poquoson with great fairness, skill, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the needs of the community, Judge Smiley was also actively involved in the community through the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, including serving as its president in 1975; and

WHEREAS, a sports enthusiast, Judge Smiley was an avid golfer, a great fan of the Boston Red Sox, and a strong supporter of the athletics of his alma mater, The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated father and husband, Prentis Smiley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Nita; stepchildren, George DeShazor, Jr., Mike DeShazor, Bill DeShazor, and Colette Kosler; numerous other relatives and friends; and the citizens of the City of Poquoson and York County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of the Honorable Norvell Prentis Smiley, Jr., an esteemed citizen and judge; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Norvell Prentis Smiley, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and gratitude for his service to the Commonwealth.