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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 767

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Celebrating the life of Philip A. Bolen.

Patrons—May and Black; Senator: Mims

WHEREAS, Philip A. Bolen, the long-time Loudoun County Administrator who led the county through two decades of growth and change, died on June 6, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Loudoun County and a 1957 graduate of Loudoun County High School, Philip Bolen returned to Loudoun after graduating from the University of Maryland in 1961; and

WHEREAS, following several years as a teacher and coach at Loudoun County High School, Philip Bolen became interim director of Loudoun's Department of Parks and Recreation in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Philip Bolen became Loudoun County's Administrator, commencing a 20-year career in which he shepherded the county through its transition from a rural, agricultural county to the fastest-growing locality in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, during Philip Bolen's tenure as county administrator, Loudoun County's population more than doubled, and this explosive growth required the steady, flexible, and caring leadership that Philip Bolen provided; and

WHEREAS, with skill, dedication, humor, and exceptional sensitivity, Philip Bolen brought together the often-competing interests of the Loudoun natives and the county's newcomers for the betterment of all; and

WHEREAS, Philip Bolen's impact on Loudoun County was profound and lasting, evident in the number of current government leaders who were nurtured and mentored by Philip Bolen; and

WHEREAS, as teacher, coach, government leader, and friend, Philip Bolen earned, through a lifetime of dedicated service to Loudoun County, the affectionate and appropriate title of "Mr. Loudoun County"; 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 a uniquely talented and valuable citizen of Loudoun County, Philip A. Bolen; 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 Philip A. Bolen as an expression of the high esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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