SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Celebrating the life of Joe Nathan Allen.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 12, 2006 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2006

WHEREAS, Joe Nathan Allen, avid community supporter and respected citizen of Hampton, died on July 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a native of Halifax, North Carolina, Joe Allen was born on May 6, 1927, and graduated from Huntington High School; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allen served his country in the United States Army and worked for the United States Postal Service for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Joe Allen worked for many years for the Virginia School for Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Joe Allen was appointed by Governor George Allen to the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board where he served four terms; and

WHEREAS, a gifted conversationalist who easily comforted and inspired others, Joe Allen generously gave his time and immense talents to the Foster Grandparents program and the ministerial program at the Hampton City Jail and the Regional Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous honors for his outstanding community service, Joe Allen will be fondly remembered for his compassionate and giving spirit; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allen will be sorely missed by his family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the citizens of Hampton; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine Virginia gentleman, Joe Nathan Allen; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joe Nathan Allen as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.