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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 908**

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3 Commending J. Steve Thomas, Sr. 4

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Commissioner of the Revenue, and he handled the responsibilities of the position with skill and 9 10 distinction for 12 years; and WHEREAS, in 1975 Steve Thomas was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court and during his 31-year 11

outstanding service to the citizens of Northumberland County; and

tenure, he oversaw the modernization of the office with the transition to maintaining court and land 12 13 records on computers; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1990 Steve Thomas earned the designation of certified circuit court clerk after 15 successfully completing the Court Clerks/Deputy Clerks Certification Program offered through the 16 Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia and the Virginia Court Clerks' Association; and 17

WHEREAS, in addition to his hard work and dedication as a government official, Steve Thomas has 18 19 been a leader in the Northern Neck and regional rural electric cooperatives and is credited with building 20 stronger state and regional associations through his work with the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware 21 Association of Electric Cooperatives; and

22 WHEREAS, Steve Thomas has served on the board of directors of the Northern Neck Electric 23 Cooperative since 1970 and is its current chairman, and is a member of the board of directors of the 24 Virginia Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and

25 WHEREAS, a faithful member of Coan Baptist Church for over 40 years, Steve Thomas has been a 26 deacon and an important leader in the congregation, and he has served his community as a Mason since 27 1964; and

28 WHEREAS, Steve Thomas' wealth of experience has been a valuable resource for the government of 29 Northumberland County and his concern for and commitment to the well-being of his fellow citizens are 30 a constant; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend J. Steve Thomas, Sr., for his many years of public service to the citizens of Northumberland 32 33 County; and, be it

34 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution 35 for presentation to J. Steve Thomas, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for his 36 many contributions and best wishes for a rewarding retirement.