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Celebrating the life of John Oliver Green, Jr.

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WHEREAS, John Oliver Green, Jr., of Richmond, an admired citizen and community benefactor, died on December 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, John Green was born on March 9, 1958, the son of John Oliver Green and Rosetta Harris Green, graduated from Warwick High School, continued his education at Old Dominion University where he studied music, and served his country in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, John Green met his wife Cheryl when they attended Huntington Middle School in Newport News; the couple had no children, but adopted several young people from their church, whom they loved and supported as their own; and

WHEREAS, John Green moved to Richmond and began a successful and longtime career with Supervalu, Inc., formerly Richfood; and

WHEREAS, a generous and compassionate man, John Green became a faithful member of First Baptist Church of South Richmond and was ordained a deacon in September 2001; and

WHEREAS, John Green was very active in many community ministries, including the Male Doorkeepers, Men's Ministry, and Partners in Purpose Ministry, and he utilized his musical talent to minister to others as a member of the Wind Ensemble Ministry, the Male Chorus, and the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, John Green was devoted to his wife, Cheryl, and he was supportive when she entered the seminary, allowing her to complete her studies and realize her dream of becoming a pastor; and

WHEREAS, John Green was a great sports enthusiast and the ultimate Boston Celtics and Baltimore Ravens fan; he shared his love of basketball with his sister and mother, and they attended many professional games together; and

WHEREAS, receiving great satisfaction and joy from helping others, John Green called his Ford truck "God's truck," and he used his vehicle for a myriad of missions, helping his neighbors, especially seniors and young people, in any way he could; and

WHEREAS, John Green will be fondly remembered for his zest for life and his generous nature and will be greatly missed by his wife, the Reverend Cheryl Green, his mother and father, his sister Velma and grandfather Joseph Harris, and numerous other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, John Oliver Green, Jr.; 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 John Oliver Green, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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