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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 88

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Celebrating the life of Turpin A. Saunders, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Turpin A. Saunders, Jr., of Suffolk, an admired business leader and community supporter, died on February 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Chuckatuck High School, Turpin "Al" Saunders completed a machinist apprenticeship at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and proudly served as an engineer during World War II on board the United States Maritime Commission's liberty ships; and

WHEREAS, after his exemplary military service, Al Saunders returned home to Suffolk and began a successful business career, serving as a partner at Saunders Supply Company for the next 64 years; and

WHEREAS, an admired leader in the community, Al Saunders was an early supporter and charter member of the Chuckatuck Fire Department and later served as chief; and

WHEREAS, Al Saunders led the effort to build Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, a well-known college preparatory school, and provided guidance and insight as a board member for several years; and

WHEREAS, Al Saunders was also a member of the board of trustees for Richard Bennett Trust, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and served local residents in various other ways; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Al Saunders was a lifelong member of Oakland Christian Church, where he served his fellow members and the community as a deacon, member of several building committees, former superintendent of the Sunday school, and participant in the church's many missions; and

WHEREAS, Al Saunders was recognized for his generous civic spirit and numerous contributions to Suffolk with his selection, along with his wife, Georgia, as a First Citizen of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Georgia, Al Saunders will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Mary, Ann, Paul, Douglas, and Kathy and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected business leader and beloved community supporter, Turpin A. Saunders, 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 Turpin A. Saunders, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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