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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 947

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*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Robert Loren Thoburn.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert Loren Thoburn, a minister, an educator, and a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, died on December 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ohio, Robert "Bob" Thoburn earned a bachelor's degree from Muskingum College, now University, and a master of divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Bob Thoburn provided strong leadership to help found the first Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 Bob Thoburn founded Fairfax Christian School to provide a rigorous academic curriculum to area students in a wholesome, Christian environment; he served as headmaster until 2001 and continued to teach until his retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Bob Thoburn shared his educational philosophies at numerous Christian conferences and helped establish other Christian schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, Bob Thoburn also authored several books and took an active role in civic, community, and political affairs throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Bob Thoburn was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and ably represented the 19th District from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Bob Thoburn will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Rosemary; children, David, John, Mark, Ruth, Lloyd, Robert, Jonathan, and Mary, and their families, including 46 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 an influential educator and public servant, the Honorable Robert Loren Thoburn; 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 the Honorable Robert Loren Thoburn as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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