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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 967

Offered February 18, 2013

Celebrating the life of Major General Carroll Thackston, USA (Ret.).

Patrons—Edmunds and Wright; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Major General Carroll Thackston, USA (Ret.), the former Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard and the mayor of the Town of South Boston, died on February 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Carroll Thackston enjoyed a distinguished military career, serving six years in the United States Army and 35 years in the Virginia National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Thackston began his illustrious career with the Virginia National Guard with the 1173rd Transportation Company, which he served as detachment commander and company commander; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Thackston rose through the ranks of the Virginia National Guard, serving as the inspector general, commander of the 116th Support Battalion, state military personnel officer, chief of staff, and assistant adjutant general; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Governor George Allen appointed Major General Thackston Adjutant General of the Virginia National Guard, a position he held until 1998; and

WHEREAS, as Adjutant General, Major General Thackston provided strong leadership to the Virginia National Guard as its members valiantly served at home and abroad to ensure the security of the Commonwealth and the defense of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Major General Thackston provided encouraging words as he visited Virginia National Guard members engaged in state emergency response operations and stationed in such locations as Bosnia and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Major General Thackston oversaw the transition of Virginia National Guard operations to Fort Pickett, the installation that today serves as a world-class military, public safety, and civilian educational facility; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Virginia National Guard, Major General Thackston continued to serve the public as a town council member and mayor of the Town of South Boston, where he worked diligently to ensure the efficient and effective operation of local government; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Thackston also once worked as a locomotive fireman and engineer with Norfolk and Western Railroad and manager of the Virginia Employment Commission in South Boston; he retired as the human resources manager at Daystrom Furniture; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable public servant, Major General Thackston will be remembered for his faithful service and greatly missed by many loving family members, friends, the residents of South Boston, members of the Virginia National Guard, and a grateful Commonwealth; 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 a true patriot and dedicated public servant, Major General Carroll Thackston, USA (Ret.); 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 Major General Carroll Thackston, USA (Ret.), as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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