HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5045

Celebrating the life of N. Duval Flora.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, N. Duval Flora, an admired public servant and devoted community leader in the Cities of South Norfolk and Chesapeake, died on March 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of either the City of South Norfolk or the City of Chesapeake, N. Duval Flora was a graduate of South Norfolk High School and the Norfolk Naval Apprentice School; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, N. Duval Flora joined many of the other young men of his generation by enlisting in the United States Navy during World War II; he served as a petty officer first class with a ship repair unit in California and Japan; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the war, N. Duval Flora became the deputy treasurer for the City of South Norfolk and was elected treasurer in 1950, becoming the youngest treasurer in the Commonwealth at the time; and

WHEREAS, he later retired as the treasurer of the City of Chesapeake after 40 years of continuous service with both cities; a diligent public servant, he was the longest-serving treasurer in the Commonwealth upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, N. Duval Flora was a deeply respected member of numerous peer organizations; he served as the president of the State Treasurers Association in 1969 and was named Treasurer of the Year in 1971; and

WHEREAS, working to enhance the community, N. Duval Flora donated his time and expertise to several boards and organizations, and he served as a past master and 65-year member of South Norfolk Masonic Lodge #339; in recognition of his many contributions, he was named the First Citizen of Chesapeake in 1989; and

WHEREAS, N. Duval Flora enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active, lifelong member of Chesapeake Avenue United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his loving wife of 65 years, Bessie Sue, N. Duval Flora will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his children, Michael and Michelle, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; 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 N. Duval Flora, a dedicated public servant and community leader in the Cities of South Norfolk and Chesapeake; 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 N. Duval Flora as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.