

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5009

Celebrating the life of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, April 8, 2014

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 8, 2014

WHEREAS, Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., of Harrisonburg, a respected, retired educator and community leader, died on March 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Danville, Richard Claybrook was desirous to be of service to his country and joined the United States Army Air Forces during World War II; he served honorably in the Pacific Theater of the war, and later in life, he used his experience as a pilot for American Airlines; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the war, Richard Claybrook earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in 1950 and a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1955; and

WHEREAS, a devoted educator, Richard Claybrook helped prepare the youth of the Commonwealth for further education, careers, and responsible citizenship as a teacher in Henrico County and as a principal in the City of Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield and Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook guided and mentored children with intellectual disabilities in Chesterfield County as the director of Camp Baker in the 1960s; he later offered his expertise to his peers as the president of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the Fairfax Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook bravely worked to safeguard the residents of the Town of Colonial Beach as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Richard Claybrook moved to Harrisonburg and worked part time at James Madison University; and

WHEREAS, striving to better the community, Richard Claybrook generously donated his time and wise leadership to many civic and service organizations; he enjoyed fellowship and worship as a longtime member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher and as a lay visitor; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Elizabeth; children, Richard, Jr., and Helen, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., a retired educator and community leader in Harrisonburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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