

2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5050

Celebrating the life of George Raye Goode, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, June 23, 2014

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 23, 2014

WHEREAS, George Raye Goode, Sr., a former mayor of the Town of Clifton Forge and a deeply respected community leader, died on June 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Clifton Forge, George Goode worked to better the lives of his fellow residents as a member of the advisory board of First Citizens Bank, the Masonic Theater board, and the Alleghany Highlands Consolidation Committee; he was a dedicated employee of CSX Transportation for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, as a passionate advocate for equality and justice, George Goode played a crucial role in the desegregation of public schools in Clifton Forge; and

WHEREAS, George Goode was appointed to the Clifton Forge City Council in 1975; desirous to be of further service to the people of Clifton Forge, he ran for and was elected as the first African American mayor of the town, faithfully executing the office from 1976 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, George Goode enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout member of Main Street Baptist Church, where he served on the board for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, through his generosity, hard work, and care for the community, George Goode left a legacy of excellence to all public servants in the Alleghany Highlands; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife of 36 years, Doris, George Goode will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his children, Cassandra, George, Jr., Ava, Stanley, Kim, Darren, Nikki, and Dana, 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 George Raye Goode, Sr., the respected former mayor of the Town of Clifton Forge and a pillar of the community; and, be it

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

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