

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 767

Celebrating the life of W. Nelson Taylor, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2015

WHEREAS, W. Nelson Taylor, Sr., of Hanover County, a proud veteran, passionate educator and school administrator, and dedicated community leader, died on August 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hanover County, Nelson Taylor learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age as a child of the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, Nelson Taylor joined many of the other young men of his generation as a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II; he later completed a long, fulfilling military career as a major in the United States Air Force Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Taylor earned a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College and a master's degree from the University of Richmond; he conducted postgraduate studies at the University of Virginia and The College of William and Mary before opening his own insurance agency; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Taylor discovered a passion for teaching when he agreed to fill in for a teacher at Beaverdam Elementary School; throughout his 44-year career in public education, he served as a teacher and principal at elementary and high schools in Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Nelson Taylor became the founding principal of Patrick Henry High School, then worked with Henrico County Public Schools for two decades; after his retirement, he offered his expertise to the Hanover County School Board and served his fellow educators as a member of the Hanover Retired Teachers Association and Virginia Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Taylor generously volunteered his time and talents with the Ashland Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club of Sandston, and the Patrick Henry YMCA in Ashland; he worked to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens with the AARP state legislative advocacy team and AARP Capital City Task Force; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by a son, Nelson, Jr., Nelson Taylor will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 63 years, Mae; daughter, Page, and her family; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 W. Nelson Taylor, Sr., a veteran, educator, and active member of the Hanover County community; 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 W. Nelson Taylor, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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