HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 825

Celebrating the life of Robert Douglas Jones.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2015 Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Robert Douglas Jones of Henrico, an entrepreneur and mechanic, a man of faith and a mentor to many young men, a proud veteran of the United States military, and a devoted husband and father, died on December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones was born in King and Queen County and attended public schools there; he graduated from Denmark Trade School in South Carolina, now known as Denmark Technical College; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones then enlisted in the United States Army and rose to the rank of specialist five; after his military service was completed, he became a mechanic in civilian life and also an entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, among Robert Jones' many interests and hobbies were a love of sports, especially baseball and fishing; he found great enjoyment in traveling, boating, and camping and was a member of the Virginia Camping Cardinals, a group of recreational vehicle enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones was a man of great faith and was a mentor to many young men; he first joined New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Walkerton and later enjoyed fellowship and worship for many years as a member of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Robert Jones chaired the Deacon Board and was president of the Men's Choir and the Men's Fellowship; he also was active in the Church School program, Vacation Bible School, the Pastoral Advisory Committee, and CARITAS homeless ministry; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by Florence, his wife of 44 years; his children, Janine, Ronald, Robert II, and Rosheen; and by many 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 Robert Douglas Jones of Henrico, an entrepreneur and mechanic, a man of faith and a mentor to many young men, a proud veteran of the United States military, and a devoted husband and father; 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 Robert Douglas Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.