

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 391

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Frederick Hillary Creekmore, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 4, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frederick Hillary Creekmore, Sr., a respected public official who ably served the residents of Chesapeake as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and a judge of the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and the Chesapeake Circuit Court, died on January 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of the former Norfolk County, Frederick Creekmore graduated from Great Bridge High School, where he served as class president; he earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Creekmore began his professional career as an attorney with Kellam & Kellam, then went on to be a founding partner of Creekmore & Rinehart; Creekmore, Wright & Forbes; and Basnight and Creekmore; he also served as counsel to Chesapeake General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Frederick Creekmore ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates; he represented the residents of the 38th House District from 1974 to 1990 and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians, including a bill to establish the Chesapeake bypass; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Frederick Creekmore was chair of the Committee on Commerce and Labor and offered his wisdom and expertise to the committees on Appropriations and Privileges and Elections; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Creekmore served as a judge of the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in the 1st Judicial District of Virginia from 1990 to 1998, then was a judge of the Chesapeake Circuit Court in the 1st Judicial Circuit of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom until his well-earned retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, working to strengthen and enhance the community, Frederick Creekmore was an active member of several civic and service clubs, including the Chesapeake Rotary Club, which named him the First Citizen of Chesapeake in 1992 and, after his retirement, he continued to serve as a substitute judge and conducted judicial settlement conferences; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Creekmore enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a founding member of Great Bridge Presbyterian Church; he taught Sunday school and served as a deacon, elder, and church treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Frederick Creekmore served the residents of Chesapeake and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Creekmore was a unique and special man who will be most remembered by those who knew him as a trusted friend, mentor, and confidant who lived a life of faith, humility, patience, and divine grace; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Margery, Frederick Creekmore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Sally; children, Marystuart, Frederick "Hill", Jr., Carla, Rachel, Joshua, Katie, and Erin, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Frederick Hillary Creekmore, Sr., a distinguished public servant in 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 the Honorable Frederick Hillary Creekmore, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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