HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 852

Celebrating the life of Crosby Carroll Forrest.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017

WHEREAS, Crosby Carroll Forrest, a lifelong resident of Poquoson and an entrepreneur who served the community as the owner of Dixie RV Superstore, died on January 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Crosby Forrest graduated from Poquoson High School and attended Hampton Roads Business College; possessed of an entrepreneurial spirit, he founded Dixie Trailer Sales in 1966; and

WHEREAS, now known as Dixie RV Superstore, the business served countless local residents throughout the years, and Crosby Forrest proudly worked with his family in all aspects of the dealership until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Crosby Forrest credited the success of his business to his loyal and hardworking employees; a respected leader in the industry, he was a founding member of the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association, where he had served as chair, vice president, treasurer, and a board member; and

WHEREAS, Crosby Forrest earned many awards and accolades throughout his career, including the James B. Summers Award, the Monaco Coach Top Dealer Award, Better Business Bureau Top Business Award, and he was inducted in the RV/MH Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Crosby Forrest enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Emmaus Baptist Church, where he helped establish the Christian Outreach Center; and

WHEREAS, Crosby Forrest will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Mary; children, Virginia and Crosby, and their families; and numerous 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 Crosby Carroll Forrest, a respected business owner and a true Southern gentleman in Poquoson; 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 Crosby Carroll Forrest as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.