

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 321

Celebrating the life of Henry D. Medlin.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Henry D. Medlin, an admired classic car enthusiast and an entrepreneur who served the residents of Newport News for over 50 years as the owner of Pete's Custom Auto Service, died on May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong car enthusiast, Henry D. "Pete" Medlin was featured in *Hot Rod* magazine in the 1960s, racing in his 1932 Ford roadster; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Pete Medlin received the Order of Towman award for exemplary service, honoring tow truck drivers who risk their lives to save others; he was a member of the International Towing & Recovery Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Pete Medlin was known for his skill as a mechanic and many local residents entrusted him to work on their classic cars; with his dedicated leadership, Pete's Custom Auto Service earned a reputation for fair prices and excellent service; and

WHEREAS, working to strengthen and enhance the community in a variety of ways, Pete Medlin was a devoted supporter of the Newport News Fire Department, and many firefighters received invaluable vehicle extrication training thanks to his generosity; and

WHEREAS, Pete Medlin was a strong supporter of community organizations, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, and many other nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Pete Medlin was honest, hardworking, and professional, and he served as a mentor and role model to countless young people in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, Pete Medlin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Joan; children, Donna, Lorrie, Donnie, and Gordon, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and customers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Henry D. Medlin, an entrepreneur, car enthusiast, and admired member of the Newport News 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 Henry D. Medlin as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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