

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 445

Celebrating the life of John Whitman Lawson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2017

WHEREAS, John Whitman Lawson of Newport News, a respected business owner and certified land surveyor in Hampton Roads, died on December 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the oldest son of the late Benjamin and Bertha Lawson, John "Jack" Whitman Lawson was born in Newport News and graduated from Newport News High School in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lawson attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University as a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets; he met his soul mate and future wife, Helen, while working as a lifeguard at the Newport News City Pool in the summer of 1950; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lawson became a respected business owner in Newport News and for 65 years he was a certified land surveyor in the Hampton Roads area; and

WHEREAS, as a surveyor, Jack Lawson played an instrumental role in laying out the framework for many subdivisions around Newport News during the height of the city's growth; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lawson was a past member of the Oyster Point Cove's Architectural Committee and the Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Association of Surveyors; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lawson had a vibrant and passionate spirit and a happy and friendly personality; his family, including his three grandchildren and two granddogs, will especially miss his love, compassion, and devotion; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Helen, Jack Lawson will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his children, Cheryl and John, Jr., and their families, and a host of other relatives and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Whitman Lawson, a respected business owner and certified land surveyor in Hampton Roads; 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 John Whitman Lawson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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