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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 417

Offered February 15, 2017

Celebrating the life of Louis Edward McKinney.

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Patrons—Wagner, Carrico, Ebbin, Ruff and Spruill; Delegates: Boysko, Carr, Cole, Fowler, Heretick, Holcomb, Hope, Ingram, Knight, Landes, Leftwich, Lindsey, Minchew, Plum, Rasoul, Simon, Stolle, Toscano, Tyler and Ware

WHEREAS, Louis Edward McKinney, a respected member of the Virginia Beach community, who created many new opportunities for local young people through his work in youth baseball, died on January 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Clover, Louis McKinney served his country as a member of the United States Army during the 1950s; after his honorable discharge, he returned home to the Commonwealth and pursued a career in sales; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime supporter of Kempsville PONY Baseball, Louis McKinney offered his leadership as manager, president, board member, and city liaison; he earned the Joe E. Brown Award for his tireless efforts to promote and expand youth baseball in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Louis McKinney played a pivotal role in supporting games at Providence Park, oversaw the construction of new concession stands and batting cages at Kemps Landing, and was in charge of inviting and hosting VIPs at opening day ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Louis McKinney was the president of the Kempsville High School Booster Club and an active volunteer for the local Republican Party, and he helped to care for animals as a member of the local Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Louis McKinney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Mary; children, Louis, Jr., Mark, Jonathan, and Yvonne, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Louis Edward McKinney, a highly admired member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Louis Edward McKinney as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.