

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 395

Celebrating the life of Tom Cain.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, Tom Cain, an accomplished community developer who made many lasting contributions to the residents of Roanoke, died on June 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elkins, West Virginia, Tom Cain received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, then taught reading and English as a second language in the Marshall Islands with the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, after completing his Peace Corps service, Tom Cain earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee, before working as a grants officer for the National Endowment for the Arts and establishing a program in England to adapt and re-use medieval churches; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cain returned to the United States and worked in the architecture field until he discovered his life's work as a community developer; he launched the Tucker Community Foundation, which now provides almost \$1 million in grants to eight counties in two states; and

WHEREAS, when Tom Cain relocated to Roanoke, he became a guiding presence on many local boards and civic organizations, promoting cultural health, environmental stewardship, and a high-quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cain served as the economic development chair of the Roanoke Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the local NAACP; he was also a member of the advisory board of the Northwest Neighborhood Environmental Organization; and

WHEREAS, a man of decency, intellect, and vision, Tom Cain garnered admiration for his collaborative leadership style, and his legacy lives on in the many projects he planned in Roanoke, including the George Washington Carver Environmental Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Tom Cain will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sister, Mary, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Tom Cain, a pillar of the Roanoke 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 Tom Cain as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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