

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 396

Celebrating the life of Benjamin O. Moore, Jr.

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

WHEREAS, Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., a beloved husband and father and a dedicated high school basketball coach who touched the lives of countless young people in Newport News, died on December 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Queens, New York, Benjamin "Ben" O. Moore attended Livingstone College in North Carolina and graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education; he got his start in high school basketball as an assistant coach at Denbigh High School in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ben Moore took the helm as head coach of the varsity basketball team at Warwick High School; he remained at the school for 24 seasons, forging strong bonds with his players and recording over 260 victories; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Warwick High School in 2011, Ben Moore spent several years as an assistant at Virginia Wesleyan University; during the last four years of his life, he served as head coach of the varsity basketball team at Menchville High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing leadership on the basketball court, Ben Moore served as a positive role model for his players, many of whom turned to him for assistance and advice in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Ben Moore was the founder and co-director of a fall basketball league at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton; he was also an assistant, coach, or director at numerous basketball camps across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his faith, Ben Moore was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Morrison in Newport News, where he was an associate minister; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Ben Moore served as a coach, teacher, mentor, and friend to his students and helped numerous players reach their full potential both as basketball players and as young men; and

WHEREAS, Ben Moore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sharon; his children, Candace and Chris, and their families; and many other family members, friends, former students, and Newport News residents; 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 Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., a talented basketball coach who provided valuable guidance and life lessons to students in Newport News; 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 Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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