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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

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Celebrating the life of Everett Hope Jordan, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Everett Hope Jordan, Jr., a beloved husband and father, a highly experienced shipbuilder, and a respected educator who served as director of The Apprentice School in Newport News, died on February 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Poquoson native, Everett Jordan attended Poquoson High School before graduating from The Apprentice School in 1977; he then went to work for Huntington Ingalls Industries, the company that owns Newport News Shipbuilding; and

WHEREAS, a master shipbuilder who spent over four decades in the industry, Everett Jordan began his career with Newport News Shipbuilding as an apprentice shipfitter and later worked as a supervisor, general foreman, superintendent, and trade director of shipfitters, welders, and dimensional control; and

WHEREAS, during his steady rise in the shipbuilding industry, Everett Jordan continued his education at night by earning a bachelor's degree from Saint Leo University and a master's degree from The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Everett Jordan was appointed director of his alma mater, The Apprentice School; one of the most significant developments of his tenure came in 2013, when he oversaw the school's move into a new 90,000-square-foot facility; and

WHEREAS, under Everett Jordan's diligent leadership, The Apprentice School added new academic and degree programs, initiated the Frontline FAST program to fast-track students to supervisory positions, and increased its partnerships with institutions of higher learning such as Old Dominion University and The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Shipbuilding President's Model of Excellence Award for leadership, Everett Jordan was a graduate of the Leadership Institute of the Virginia Peninsula and served as the architect of Newport News Shipbuilding's Hourly Leadership Development Program; and

WHEREAS, Everett Jordan served as a liaison to the Virginia Community College System, an executive lead to Habitat for Humanity, and a board member of Thomas Nelson Community College and the Peninsula Council for Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career, Everett Jordan touched the lives of countless students and earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues for his honesty, personal integrity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, a proud father and grandfather, Everett Jordan was happiest when spending time with his family, watching sports, and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Everett Jordan will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of over 40 years, Cynthia; his sons, Jeremy and Joshua, and their families; and numerous other friends, family members, and Newport News residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Everett Hope Jordan, Jr., a talented leader and educator who provided exemplary service to the shipbuilding industry and The Apprentice School; 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 Everett Hope Jordan, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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