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Celebrating the life of Thomas Allen Applewhite, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Applewhite, Jr., a beloved husband and father who touched the lives of numerous students during a distinguished career in Chesterfield and Richmond public schools, died on January 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Richmond native, Thomas Applewhite graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1948 and then enrolled at Randolph-Macon College; during the Korean War, he put his studies on hold to serve his country as a member of the United States Army stationed in Japan; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Thomas Applewhite returned to Randolph-Macon College and earned a bachelor's degree; he later continued his studies at The College of William and Mary, receiving a master's degree in 1961; and

WHEREAS, a talented educator, Thomas Applewhite forged a successful 35-year career with the Chesterfield and Richmond public school systems; during that time, he served as assistant principal at Manchester High School, principal at Thompson Middle School, and as a social studies teacher at Providence Middle School; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Thomas Applewhite continued to satisfy his love of American history by serving as a volunteer tour guide and reenactor at St. John's Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, a man of strong faith, Thomas Applewhite enjoyed fellowship and worship at Crestwood Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon and youth group leader; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Thomas Applewhite was happiest when quail and dove hunting with his English setters, boating, or plowing his vegetable garden with his tractor; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Lynette, Thomas Applewhite will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his sons, Thomas and Hunter, and their families, as well as numerous other family members, friends, and Richmond residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Allen Applewhite, Jr., a dedicated school teacher and administrator and respected Richmond resident; 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 Thomas Allen Applewhite, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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