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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 119

Offered February 5, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Robert Gilbert Bagley.*

Patrons—Cosgrove, DeSteph, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Mason, McDougle, Norment, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, Robert Gilbert Bagley, a distinguished citizen of Chesapeake who served his fellow residents as the longtime fire chief, a member of the Chesapeake City Council, and a generous philanthropist, died on November 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of South Norfolk, Robert "Buddy" Bagley was the youngest of 21 children born to the late James and Corrine Bagley; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bagley honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army; he was assigned to the elite Honor Guard Company, which serves as an escort to the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bagley safeguarded the lives and property of his fellow residents as a firefighter with the Chesapeake Fire Department for more than 35 years, including 16 years as fire chief; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as fire chief, Buddy Bagley worked to ensure that the Chesapeake Fire Department had the training, techniques, and tools to best serve the community; he was the city's longest-serving chief at the time of his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Buddy Bagley ran for and was elected to the Chesapeake City Council, then pursued a career in banking with People's Bank of Chesapeake and the Bank of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from banking, Buddy Bagley continued to support the community as a philanthropist, raising money for various charitable causes through his association with South Norfolk Masonic Lodge No. 339 and the Khedive Shriners; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bagley was also the chair of the Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation and president of the Chesapeake Sports Club, which provides scholarships to student-athletes in public and private schools in Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bagley played a pivotal role in the inaugural Chesapeake Jubilee in 1983, and he planned and coordinated the event's highly anticipated fireworks display for many years; he later encouraged local businesses to support a permanent stage for the Chesapeake Jubilee, that was renamed Buddy G. Bagley Stage in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bagley will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 60 years, Peggy; his daughter, Page, and her family; 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 Robert Gilbert Bagley, a pillar of the Chesapeake community; and, be it

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

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