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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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