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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

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Celebrating the life of Donald Williams, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Donald Williams, Sr., of Pennington Gap, a public servant and a respected member of the Lee County community who mentored and inspired countless students as an educator and a coach, died on October 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jonesville, Donald "Don" Williams graduated from Jonesville High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Milligan College, where he lettered in four sports and was inducted into the Milligan College Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Don Williams continued his education at Union College, earning a master's degree, then honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps at Fort Holabird in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Don Williams pursued a career as an educator with Lee County Public Schools; he helped prepare students for success in higher education and careers at Dryden High School, St. Charles High School, Pennington High School, Coeburn High School, and Lee High School; and

WHEREAS, Don Williams was well-known as an athletics coach in the area, leading basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, golf, track, and cross-country teams; throughout his 23-year career as a football coach, he earned 17 district championship titles and six regional championship titles; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement as an educator and coach, Don Williams continued to serve his fellow residents as chair of the Lee County Board of Supervisors and the Lee County School Board; he was also a founding member of the Lee County Soccer Association and the annual Lights in the Park holiday event; and

WHEREAS, Don Williams will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Patty; sons, Don, Jr., and Kevin, and their families; 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 Donald Williams, Sr., a distinguished educator, coach, and public servant in Lee County; and, be it

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

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