

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Celebrating the life of Donald Williams, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 25, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

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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