

2018 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Celebrating the life of Elton Jefferson Wade, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2018

WHEREAS, Elton Jefferson Wade, Sr., a Mechanicsville resident and a dedicated public servant who enhanced the lives of community members as the Cold Harbor District representative on the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, died on December 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elton Wade graduated from John Marshall High School in 1950 and went to work for the Reynolds Metals Company and American Machine and Foundry; for 52 years, he also ensured the safety of students in Hanover County as a bus driver and traffic guard; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Elton Wade ran for and was elected to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors in 1991; he ably represented the residents of the Cold Harbor District for more than two decades, until his well-earned retirement in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Elton Wade served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and proudly oversaw the opening of Pole Green Elementary School and Pole Green Park in eastern Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, a life member of the Black Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Elton Wade safeguarded the lives and property of his fellow Hanover County residents for many years, and one of his proudest accomplishments was the construction of a new fire station for the department; and

WHEREAS, Elton Wade's work ethic, selflessness, and experience as a first responder served him well throughout his career in local government; during storms, earthquakes, and other emergency situations, he personally ensured that the residents in his district were safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, Elton Wade was a trusted mentor and friend to his peers in local government, and he served Hanover County with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Jacqueline, Elton Wade will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 12 years, Gay; his children, Stephannie, Jeff, and Sandra, and their families; his 23 foster children and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Elton Jefferson Wade, Sr., a consummate public servant who touched countless lives in Hanover County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Elton Jefferson Wade, Sr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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