## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1047**

Celebrating the life of Robert Andrew Earley, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Robert Andrew Earley, Sr., dedicated family man, coach, and member of the community of Norfolk, died on December 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Big Bob" Andrew Earley, Sr., began a lifetime of service to his community in the United States Navy, where he was stationed for four years in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, an ardent fan of Chicago sports, Bob Earley channeled this passion into years of coaching youth sports in his community; he was a coach both in the Azalea Little League Challenger Division and the TAC Neptunes football and basketball organization; additionally, he was the longest-running president in the history of the Azalea Little League; and

WHEREAS, Bob Earley's friendly spirit created a warm, family-like atmosphere at Q-Master Billiards and the U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships that persists today; and

WHEREAS, Bob Earley helped numerous children in his lifetime by donating over 71 units of O negative blood to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters; and

WHEREAS, Bob Earley will be dearly remembered by his wife of 38 years, Linda; his children, Bobby, Ashley, and Ryan; and countless other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Andrew Earley, Sr., valued member of the Norfolk community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Andrew Earley, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and service to the Commonwealth.