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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1059

Offered February 18, 2019

Celebrating the life of March Cromuel, Jr., USN, Ret.

Patrons—Hayes; Senator: Spruill

WHEREAS, March Cromuel, Jr., USN, Ret., a former president of the Chesapeake NAACP, died on February 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Florida, March Cromuel joined the United States Navy as a young man and became a welder and later a Navy recruiter; he retired as a chief petty officer after 22 years of service; and

WHEREAS, March Cromuel graduated from Norfolk State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in social work; he was an active and passionate member of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Norfolk State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, March Cromuel is best known as the Chesapeake NAACP president, serving from 1987 to 2007, where he fought to ensure opportunities for advancement in employment, education, and voting rights for African Americans; notably, he fought to get African American managers at local hotels, ran voter registration drives, and challenged the lack of African Americans as ranking police officers, judges, and high school principals in the Chesapeake area; and

WHEREAS, March Cromuel was a devout member of New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, serving as chairman of the deacon board; and

WHEREAS, March Cromuel will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 59 years, Ida Mae; his children, Gloria, Vernon, Sharrel, Barrington, Cassandra, and Ronald, and their families; and numerous 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 March Cromuel, Jr., USN, Ret., longtime president of the Chesapeake NAACP; 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 March Cromuel, Jr., USN, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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