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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 726**

Offered January 18, 2019

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr.*

Patrons—Knight; Senator: Cosgrove

WHEREAS, the Honorable Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr., who dedicated his life to the service of others as a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and a judge of the Second Judicial District of Virginia, died on November 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth "Ken" N. Whitehurst, Jr., learned the value of hard work and responsibility as a young man while growing up on his family's farm; after graduating from Princess Anne High School, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his military service, Ken Whitehurst earned a law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at The College of William & Mary, then practiced law in the newly formed City of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Ken Whitehurst ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1967 and ably represented the residents of the 55th District for one term; he introduced or supported numerous important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians and served with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Ken Whitehurst was appointed as a judge to the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom for more than two decades; after his well-earned retirement from the bench in 2000, he continued to serve the court as a mediator; and

WHEREAS, Ken Whitehurst was an accomplished world traveler, but as an 11th-generation resident of the Tidewater Region, he was happiest entertaining friends and family with tales of local lore and old Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Martha, Ken Whitehurst will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Lillie; his children, Nanette and Kenneth, 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 the Honorable Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr., a respected public servant and judge in Virginia Beach; 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 the Honorable Kenneth N. Whitehurst, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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