

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 744

Celebrating the life of Hugh Rose Brown.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Hugh Rose Brown, a respected third-generation owner of Brown's Hardware in Falls Church, died on November 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Falls Church resident, Hugh Brown attended Madison Elementary School and Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Brown inherited his commitment to community service from his father, Horace E. Brown, who was deeply involved in Falls Church as the owner of Brown's Hardware, an original trustee of the Falls Church Volunteer Fire Department, and a participant in the 1952 ceremonies to dedicate George Mason High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Hugh Brown began running the hardware store that his grandfather, James W. Brown, started in 1883, when it was the first commercial establishment in Falls Church; in 1949, the store switched from being a general store to a hardware store; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Brown and his hardware store staff were known for offering individual assistance to customers in a personable and homespun way, helping shoppers navigate their merchandise of hand tools, gardening tools, and nuts and bolts as well as essential services like key making; and

WHEREAS, admired for being generous and kind to everyone he knew, Hugh Brown was a strong supporter of the City of Falls Church and will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his family, friends, and customers; 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 Hugh Rose Brown, a respected third-generation owner of Brown's Hardware; 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 Hugh Rose Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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