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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 264

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*Commending R. Carroll Smith, Sr.*

Patrons—Cosgrove and Spruill; Delegates: Hayes and Knight

WHEREAS, R. Carroll Smith, Sr., the highly admired president and principal owner of Hearndon Construction Company and a generous volunteer, was named the 2018 First Citizen of Chesapeake by the Chesapeake Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Chesapeake, Carroll Smith graduated from Oscar Smith High School in 1959 and served his country in the United States Army before returning to the Commonwealth to become a respected businessman and a devoted philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 43-year career with Hearndon Construction Company, Carroll Smith has overseen the construction of thousands of homes in Hampton Roads and supported responsible economic growth and development in the region; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Carroll Smith has supported Habitat for Humanity, the Tidewater Builders Association Scholarship Fund, and the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters, and he advocated for improvements to Dominion Boulevard and the construction of the Veterans Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, as a charter member of the Chesapeake Sports Club, Carroll Smith has mentored young people as a youth baseball and football coach and supported the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund, the Old Dominion Athletic Foundation, and Grassfield High School athletics; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Smith has also volunteered his wise leadership with the United Way, the Lions Club, the Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation Blue Ribbon Committee, the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Virginia Special Olympics, among many other civic organizations, and served on the board of directors of the Bank of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Smith has earned numerous other awards for his work, including the Tidewater Builders Association 2014 Member of the Year award and the Chesapeake Sports Club 2018 Member of the Year award; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend R. Carroll Smith, Sr., for his legacy of contributions to the Chesapeake community on the occasion of his selection as the 2018 First Citizen of Chesapeake; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to R. Carroll Smith, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his generosity and incomparable civic leadership.

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