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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 469

Offered February 18, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Wilbur Eugene Thomas.*

Patrons—Ruff; Delegate: Wright

WHEREAS, Wilbur Eugene Thomas of Lawrenceville, a respected professional in the insurance industry and a generous philanthropist, died on January 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Brunswick County, Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Thomas graduated from the University of Richmond and served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas served the community as the owner of Brunswick Insurance Agency and was a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas volunteered his leadership and expertise to many civic organizations, including the Old Brunswick Foundation, the Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority, the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville, among others; and

WHEREAS, a champion for higher education, Gene Thomas served on the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges under two governors and was a member of the Local Board of Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC) from 1978 to 1989 and 2005 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas was also a longtime member of the SVCC Foundation Board who endowed a scholarship in the name of former college president John J. Cavan and was instrumental in the creation of two other scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Edgerton United Methodist Church, where he held several leadership positions and taught Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Mary Alice, his sons, Michael and Ray, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Wilbur Eugene Thomas; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Wilbur Eugene Thomas as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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