

# 2019 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4009

*Celebrating the life of Herbert Ray Snelling, Jr.*

Agreed to by the Senate, July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Herbert Ray Snelling, Jr., of Virginia Beach, an entrepreneur and a construction contractor who was well known by friends and neighbors for his generosity, died on May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Norfolk, Herbert "Bert" Snelling spent most of his life in Virginia Beach, where he created lasting memories with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Bert Snelling loved to work with his hands and began his career by building custom gates for the Buynningwood Farms fencing company and hanging windows for Greenwich Supply Corporation; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an entrepreneurial spirit, Bert Snelling pursued a Class A Contractor license and started his own company, Standing Firm Builders, Inc., where he earned recognition for his custom cabinetry and master carpentry skills; and

WHEREAS, Bert Snelling later joined Eagle Construction of VA as a warranty manager and was promoted to project manager; he inspired his coworkers through his work ethic, humility, and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Bert Snelling enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of CrossWalk Church in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Bert Snelling will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 38 years, Sonja; his children, Melissa and Herbert III, and their families; his mother, Veronica; his father, Herbert, Sr.; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Herbert Ray Snelling, Jr., a respected member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Herbert Ray Snelling, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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