

2020 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Celebrating the life of Roland Carroll Smith, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020
Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Roland Carroll Smith, Sr., a paragon of business and philanthropy in Chesapeake and Hampton Roads, died on October 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of Chesapeake, Carroll Smith dedicated his life to developing and improving the place he called home; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army, Carroll Smith went into business with William J. Herring, founder of Hearndon Construction, in 1975; after 44 years with the company, Carroll Smith rose to the position of president and chief executive officer and oversaw the construction of thousands of homes in Hampton Roads, making a major impact on the growth and prosperity of the region; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Carroll Smith was active in his community; he was a charter member of the Chesapeake Sports Club, served on the board of directors of the Bank of Hampton Roads, and was involved in the Tidewater Builders Association, the Lions Club, the Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation Blue Ribbon Committee, and the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Smith dedicated time and resources to numerous charities, philanthropic organizations, and public institutions, including the United Way, the Salvation Army, Hope Haven, the Virginia Special Olympics, the Chesapeake Regional Health Foundation, the Union Mission Ministries, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Seton Youth Shelters, and Eastern Virginia Medical School, among other local charities; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Smith received several awards in his lifetime in recognition of his efforts to make Chesapeake a better place to live, work, and play; he was named Member of the Year by the Chesapeake Sports Club and First Citizen of Chesapeake by the Chesapeake Rotary Club in 2018 and Member of the Year by the Tidewater Builders Association in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Carroll Smith will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Jackie; his sons, Roland, Jr., and Doug, 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 Roland Carroll Smith, Sr., respected businessman and devoted philanthropist of the Chesapeake community; 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 Roland Carroll Smith, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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