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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 362

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*Celebrating the life of Eugene A. Mason, Jr.*

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., Bagby, McQuinn, Rasoul and Willett; Senators: Hashmi and McClellan

WHEREAS, Eugene A. Mason, Jr., a highly admired spiritual leader, entrepreneur, and public servant who made many contributions to the Richmond community, died on August 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Mason grew up in Richmond and studied business at Virginia Commonwealth University and Reynolds Community College; he pursued a career in home improvement construction management as the owner of Nosam Contracting and Services; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Mason offered his leadership to the Richmond Branch of the NAACP as vice president and served with the Metropolitan Business League, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, the National Kidney Foundation, the Friends of the Richmond Public Library, and the Richmond City Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Richmond City Council, Eugene Mason ably represented the residents of the Ninth District and supported critical programs to build self-esteem and was committed to academic excellence among young people and strengthening the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith in all his good deeds, Eugene Mason enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregations of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and United Nations Church International, where he served as a faithful elder and implemented youth mentorship programs; and

WHEREAS, after the death of his beloved wife, Vivian, Eugene Mason strove to honor her legacy by establishing the Vivian Conway Mason Scholarship Fund to help underprivileged high school students attend Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Mason will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Yvette and Eugene III, 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 Eugene A. Mason, Jr.; 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 Eugene A. Mason, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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