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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 451

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*Celebrating the life of Ernest George Minns.*

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WHEREAS, Ernest George Minns, a civil rights activist, civic leader, and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on July 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Floyd E. Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, George Minns would go on to become an influential advocate for human rights and racial justice in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, from 1987 to 1997, George Minns was president of the Virginia Beach branch of the NAACP; his advocacy over the years was instrumental to the establishment of the Virginia Beach Minority Business Council and the Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, in his later years, George Minns was president of the Seatack Community Civic League, providing valued insights and leadership to ensure that the residents of one of the oldest African American communities in the country prospered; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout life by his deep and abiding faith, George Minns was an active member of the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, George Minns will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Mary and George II, and their families; his former wife, Kim; 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 Ernest George Minns, who touched countless lives in Virginia Beach as a civil rights activist, civic leader, and friend; 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 Ernest George Minns as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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