

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 630

Celebrating the life of Sidney Grant Snell, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Sidney Grant Snell, Jr., left this world and joined his parents and our Heavenly Father on Saturday, October 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell was born on December 19, 1958, in Radford to the late Sidney Grant and Nannie Bell Freeman Snell; and

WHEREAS, as one of six children, Sidney Snell was known as the best little brother that five sisters could have ever asked for, whose love for them was as deep as theirs was, and always will be, for him; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell graduated from Blacksburg High School, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track and field; during his senior year in 1976, Blacksburg High School's football team became the first team in school history to reach a state semifinal; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell led Blacksburg High School in rushing with 1,444 yards in 1976 and surpassed the team record in interceptions as a senior, despite being a part-time defensive back; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell was named as a high school All-American by at least one outlet in football, basketball, and track and field, and he set a school record with a triple jump of 44 feet, 9 inches; and

WHEREAS, considered to be a once-in-a-generation-athlete, Sidney Snell was recognized in 1991 for his high school accomplishments by being inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame in only the second year of its existence; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Sharp, head coach of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) football team, recognized Sidney Snell's talents and recruited him to play football for the Virginia Tech Hokies; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell stands at No. 20 on the all-time receiving list with 86 catches for 1,274 yards and 15 touchdowns, and he shared the Hokies' record for scoring in 1980 with eight touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell was named as Virginia Tech's most valuable player in both 1979 and 1980; throughout his Virginia Tech college career, he set multiple records on the football field and will always be remembered as one of the greatest players to ever put on the maroon and orange; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell had a passion for softball and golf; he was known to show up, hit a home run or two, and leave the ballpark; and

WHEREAS, no matter what Sidney Snell became involved with, he was and always will be widely respected amongst his peers for leading winning teams; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell was loved and appreciated by his family, friends, the community, and the entire Hokie Nation; he made everyone he met feel as if they were his best friend; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell's infectious smile, recognizable laugh, humorous personality, and remarkable humility remain the strong foundations of his life and the reasons for which he will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering faith and love for the Lord, Sidney Snell left this world and entered the Kingdom of God, where he will forever watch over his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Sidney Snell's greatest joy in life was his family, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his much-loved and treasured sisters Doris (Sidney) Lee, Sylvia (Nathaniel) Bishop, LaVern (Lee) Walls, Connie Grant Snell, and Denise (Cornell) Howard; his many admiring nieces and nephews, who will miss his sense of humor and loving ways; and his aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends, and beloved dog, Kacey; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sidney Grant Snell, Jr., a sports legend in the New River Valley; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Doris Lee, Sylvia Bishop, LaVern Walls, Connie Grant Snell, and Denise Howard, cherished sisters of Sidney Grant Snell, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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