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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 670

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Celebrating the life of Robert Preston Midgett II.

Patrons—Knight, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Guy and Miyares; Senators: Cosgrove, DeSteph and Kiggans

WHEREAS, Robert Preston Midgett II, an esteemed business leader and active and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on January 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett attended Ferrum College and Appalachian State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, since the age of 11, Preston Midgett had worked with his dad and uncles at the family business, Jungle Golf, a well-known miniature golf course on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront strip cherished by tourists and locals alike; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett learned every aspect of Jungle Golf over the years and ultimately took the helm of the business, building on its legacy as one of the most iconic destinations in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, affectionately referred to by many as the "mayor of Atlantic Avenue," Preston Midgett was a tireless advocate for businesses and residents of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett served his community as either president or chairman of several local and professional organizations, including the City of Virginia Beach's Resort Advisory Commission, the Old Coast Guard Station, the Resort Retailers Association, and the Resort Leadership Council; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett gave generously of his time and talents as a founding member of both the former Robin Hoods of Virginia Beach, now the Noblemen, and Surfing Access for Everyone (S.A.F.E.); and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett served as chairman of both the City of Virginia Beach's Transportation, Parking, and Pedestrian Committee and Virginia Beach Vision's resort development task force, fostering the municipality's ability to grow and develop for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett's myriad contributions to his community were celebrated in 2002 when he had the prestigious honor of serving as a Triton at the Neptune Festival of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, an avid adventurer and accomplished waterman, Preston Midgett recently completed the "Great Loop" sailing cruise through the eastern portion of the United States and enjoyed fishing, surfing, and skiing all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett received an outpouring of support from local businesses on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront during his battle with COVID-19, a stirring testament to the tremendous impact he had on his community; and

WHEREAS, Preston Midgett will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Kim; his children, Trey and Tara; 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 Robert Preston Midgett II, a pillar of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront whose unwavering kindness, generosity, and dedication to his community touched countless lives; 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 Robert Preston Midgett II as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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