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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 729

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of Willie Makently Andrews.

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, Simonds and Ware; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Willie Makently Andrews, an esteemed community advocate and deacon and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, raised in Lunenburg County, Willie Andrews moved to Richmond in 1955 and worked for 28 years at the Westvaco Printing Company, where he retired as a supervisor in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Willie Andrews was a well-known and respected community leader in the Church Hill neighborhood of Richmond and earned several notable distinctions and awards over the years for his advocacy and service, including a 7th District honorary street sign bearing his name; and

WHEREAS, Willie Andrews further supported his community through appointments to the Richmond Commission of Architectural Review and the board of directors of the Interfaith Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Willie Andrews was baptized at New Grove Baptist Church in Kenbridge and was later a longtime member of Sharon Baptist Church and Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church, both in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, a member and chairman of the deacon ministry at Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church and active in other leadership capacities, Willie Andrews was formally recognized on myriad occasions for his service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Willie Andrews will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 65 years, Ruth; his children, Earl and Deborah, 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 Willie Makently Andrews, a cherished member of the Richmond community whose unwavering kindness and generosity 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 Willie Makently Andrews as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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