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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 621

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*Celebrating the life of Larry Craig Tucker.*

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WHEREAS, Larry Craig Tucker, an honorable veteran, esteemed automobile dealer and public servant, and beloved member of the Petersburg community, died on January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, graduating with the Petersburg High School Class of 1963, Larry Tucker took advanced courses at the former Northwood Institute, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Richard Bland College and worked alongside his father at Master Chevrolet-Cadillac in Petersburg from 1963 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker served his country with honor and valor from 1965 to 1967 as a member of the United States Army, posting at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, at Camp Casey, South Korea, with the 7th Infantry Division, and at Fort Lee; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Larry Tucker returned to Master Chevrolet-Cadillac from 1969 to 1973 and later joined Petersburg Ford, Inc., as a service manager, rising to the position of vice president in 1981 and taking ownership of the dealership eight years later; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker served the automobile needs of his community for several years as president and chief executive officer of Petersburg Ford, Inc.; he later formed a partnership with his son and held positions as chairman and chief executive officer from 2000 to 2006, when the business was sold; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished automobile salesman who was recognized by *Time* magazine's Quality Dealer Award for the Southeastern United States, Larry Tucker advanced his industry through his involvement with both the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association, which he served as president, and the Southern Virginia Ford Dealers Advertising Fund, which he served as board chairman; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker guided the growth and development of Petersburg in various leadership capacities, including six years as a city councilmember, a term as the city's vice mayor, and several years on the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings Bank, now Virginia Commonwealth Bank; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker's dedicated efforts included service with the Petersburg Industrial Development Authority; the Hospital Authority of the City of Petersburg, and the Petersburg Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker devoted himself to helping others for nearly 40 years through the Rotary Club of Petersburg, serving a term as the organization's president and earning recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker's noteworthy contributions to the community included terms as president of the Historic Petersburg Foundation, the Country Club of Petersburg, the Southside Virginia Emergency Crew, and the Willcox Watershed Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Larry Tucker enjoyed worship and fellowship with his communities at High Street Methodist Church, later known as United Methodist Church, and at Christ and Grace Episcopal Church, both of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, Larry Tucker will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Elizabeth; his children, David and Kathryn, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Larry Craig Tucker, a cherished member of the Petersburg 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 Larry Craig Tucker as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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