

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 710

Celebrating the life of Thomas S. Hardy.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 2, 2021

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Hardy, an active community leader in Surry County, died on July 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy grew up in Surry County and graduated from the Isle of Wight Training School and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Apprentice School; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War, Thomas Hardy returned to the Commonwealth and pursued a long career with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, retiring in 1985 after 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy was a champion for civil rights in Surry County as a member of the Surry Assembly, and he worked to enhance the quality of life for all of his fellow residents with service on the Surry County Planning Commission, the Crater District Planning Commission, and the Surry County Electoral Board; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy offered his leadership to many other local bodies related to transportation safety, health care, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy was a longtime member of the Surry County Democratic Committee, the Distinguished Men's Club of Surry County, and the local branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime member of First Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Smithfield; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardy will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 65 years, Gladys; his daughters, Debra, Faye, and Tonya, 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 Thomas S. Hardy, a respected member of the Surry County community; 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 Thomas S. Hardy as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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