

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 789

Celebrating the life of Stephen Jones III.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, Stephen Jones III, a beloved son and brother and a cherished member of the Norfolk community, died on March 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family and friends as "Big Steve," Stephen Jones graduated from Granby High School, where he met many lifelong friends, including Alton, Laquan, Blue, Benjamin, Shaquan, Kyle, Boojoie, Jules, Dre, Tommy, and Cope, all of whom loved him as a brother; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Stephen Jones was fascinated by sports and regularly amazed his parents with his breadth of knowledge on various topics; he was an accomplished athlete, whose feats included making many game-winning tackles and blocks and winning a college football championship; and

WHEREAS, even though his battle with cancer had begun taking a physical toll on his body, Stephen Jones never let that hinder his spirit, and after undergoing a leg amputation, he turned his love for sneakers into a profitable business, Filthy Soles LLC, which he continued to own and operate until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Jones inspired others through the good humor, creative thinking, courage, determination, and positive attitude he maintained throughout his life; he never missed an opportunity to make light of the challenges set before him, and he was a trusted confidant to all of his friends; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Jones will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving parents, Glen and Sheila; his sisters, Kimberly and Sheila, Jr.; his nieces and nephews, Aaliyah, Delilah, Deriyah, Jalil, and Mason; his aunts, Gloria, Sharon, Samantha, Andrea, and Debra; 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 Stephen Jones III, an inspirational member of the Norfolk 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 Stephen Jones III as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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