

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 755

Celebrating the life of Robert C. Marsh, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Robert C. Marsh, Jr., of Danville, the longest-serving faculty member of Averett University and a distinguished artist whose work earned national acclaim, died on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alabama, Robert Marsh earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Robert Marsh relocated to Danville and accepted a position as an art professor at Averett University; over the course of his 54-year career, he inspired generations of students through his joyful optimism and zest for life; and

WHEREAS, Robert Marsh's art was beloved locally and well-known throughout the Commonwealth and the nation; his work was displayed in galleries and museums across the country, including in the Library of Congress and the National Collection of Fine Arts of the Smithsonian Institution; and

WHEREAS, Robert Marsh earned renown for the graceful storytelling of his pieces and for his technical skill, including his control of color and organization of white space; and

WHEREAS, in January 2023, Averett University honored Robert Marsh's legacy of contributions to the institution and the art world at its Founders' Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, Robert Marsh will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Sandra; his sons, Clinton and Andrew, 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 Robert C. Marsh, Jr., a talented artist and passionate educator; 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 C. Marsh, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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