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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 802

Offered February 20, 2023

Celebrating the life of George Thomas Savage, Jr.

Patrons—Avoli; Senator: Hanger

WHEREAS, George Thomas Savage, Jr., an esteemed educator and an active and beloved member of the Staunton community, died on January 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, George Savage earned a bachelor's degree from Campbell College before embarking on a noble career as an educator that spanned nearly 38 years; and

WHEREAS, George Savage taught at both Beverley Manor Elementary School and Beverley Manor Middle School in Staunton, contributing greatly to the academic, social, and emotional well-being of his students; and

WHEREAS, George Savage was a lifetime member of the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad, serving the community with great compassion and care for several decades after joining the organization in 1975; and

WHEREAS, George Savage devoted himself to mentoring the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad's younger members and helped a number of the organization's emergency medical technician teams win state awards at rescue squad conventions over the years; and

WHEREAS, George Savage made an indelible impact in his community through his long-standing involvement with the Virginia Wheelchair Games, the Special Olympics, and Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah's Camp Dragonfly; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, George Savage enjoyed worship and fellowship with the community of Calvary Baptist Church in Staunton for many years, where he served in various leadership roles, including as deacon and head of the medical team; and

WHEREAS, George Savage will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 56 years, Lannette; his children, George III, Timothy, Susan, and Emily, 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 George Thomas Savage, Jr., a cherished member of the Staunton community whose legacy of service is an inspiration to all who knew him; 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 George Thomas Savage, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.