## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 803**

Celebrating the life of Cecil Gordon Layman, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023 Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, Cecil Gordon Layman, Jr., who touched countless lives as a teacher, youth athletics coach, and longtime principal of Riverheads High School, died on January 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Layman was born in Waynesboro to the late Cecil and Anna Layman; he served the nation as a member of the United States Army in the 1950s and taught English to students in Japan; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Layman spent most of his career in education and served as a teacher and coach at Riverheads High School before becoming principal for 26 years; he gave countless students the tools and support they needed to achieve success in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Cecil Layman offered his leadership to his fellow school administrators, serving two terms as president of the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals; he also served the Augusta County community as a member of the Board of Equalization and chair of the Board of Assessors; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement as principal of Riverheads High School, Cecil Layman worked for the U.S. Census Bureau and as an usher for events at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, among many accolades, Cecil Layman was inducted into the Riverheads High School Red Pride Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame in 2003; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Ruth, Cecil Layman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Douglas, Scott, and Deborah, 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 Cecil Gordon Layman, Jr., a dedicated educator, coach, and administrator in Augusta County; 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 Cecil Gordon Layman, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.