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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 280**

Offered January 30, 2023

Celebrating the life of Grayson Thompson.

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WHEREAS, Grayson Thompson, a man of deep and abiding faith and a beloved husband and grandfather in Fincastle, died on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lunenburg County, Grayson Thompson moved to Roanoke at a young age and raised his own family in the same neighborhood where he grew up; and

WHEREAS, Grayson Thompson graduated from William Fleming High School and worked with Norfolk and Western Railway, later known as Norfolk Southern Railway, for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Grayson Thompson began his career as an entry-level clerk and rose through the ranks to become a systems supervisor in the company's computer services department before his retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Grayson Thompson participated in local horse shows, played competitive volleyball, and was an avid runner, golfer, and fisherman; and

WHEREAS, Grayson Thompson enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime member of Oakland Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Grayson Thompson's greatest joy in his life was his family, and he instilled his deep and abiding faith in his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Doris, Grayson Thompson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Sue and Randy, 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 Grayson Thompson, a highly admired member of the Fincastle 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 Grayson Thompson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.