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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 410

Offered February 20, 2023

Celebrating the life of Melvin Alexander Burruss.

Patrons—Deeds and Reeves

WHEREAS, Melvin Alexander Burruss, a highly respected member of the Louisa community, died on October 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Burruss grew up in Branford, Connecticut, and graduated from Branford High School, where he was a diligent student and excelled in basketball and football; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Melvin Burruss joined the United States Navy and served the nation from 1965 to 1971; he subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and was a recipient of a Ford Foundation Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Burruss continued his education by earning a master's degree from the Stanford University School of Business and a law degree from the Florida State University College of Law; he also received a two-year grant through the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Melvin Burruss worked in sales, financial services, and real estate for several large companies; he was a passionate lifelong learner and an engaging critical thinker who loved to debate and discuss any topic; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Burruss offered his leadership and expertise to the Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Louisa County Public Schools Superintendent's Advisory Board, the Louisa County Branch of the NAACP, the Louisa County Broadband Authority, the Louisa County Historical Society, Louisa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8947, and many other civic and service organizations; and

WHEREAS, among several awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements, Melvin Burruss received the Omicron Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Uplift Award in 2006 and the Black Democrats of Westchester Judge Thurgood Marshall Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Burruss will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 27 years, Diana; his children, Trisha, Timnetra, and Charles, and their families; his stepchildren, Evan and Lorena, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Melvin Alexander Burruss; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Melvin Alexander Burruss as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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