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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 412**

Offered January 11, 1995

On the death of Raymond M. Spaugh.

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WHEREAS, Raymond M. Spaugh, a Portsmouth printer and a highly successful Little League baseball coach for nearly three decades, died on November 18, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Ray Spaugh began coaching Little League baseball in Portsmouth in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Ray Spaugh's most successful team, the 1975 Olive Branch Senior League all-stars, came within one game of the Little League World Series, winning the district, state, and division titles before losing in the Southern Region championship game; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and beloved figure in the Portsmouth community, Ray Spaugh was named Sportsman of the Year in 1975 by the Portsmouth Sports Club; and

WHEREAS, Ray Spaugh's success as a coach was not limited to winning, as he found gloves, shoes, and other equipment for those boys who needed them; paid registration fees for those who could not afford them; and taught all of his teams to play baseball as it should be played; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a devoted and caring citizen of Portsmouth and the Commonwealth, Raymond M. Spaugh; 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 Raymond M. Spaugh as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.