

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA -- 1997 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 738

On the death of Thomas A. Newby.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 1997
Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 1997

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Newby of Portsmouth, an educator with the Norfolk public schools for over 35 years, died on February 8, 1997; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk and a graduate of that city's Booker T. Washington High School, Thomas Newby earned his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, then received a master's degree from New York University and a doctorate in education from Nova University; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Newby began his teaching career at Jacox Junior High School in Norfolk in 1957 and went on to become assistant principal and principal at Campostella Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1972 Thomas Newby was director of Norfolk's Central Cities Project and served as principal of Norfolk's Transition School from 1972 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Newby was later appointed principal of his alma mater, Booker T. Washington High School; was the first graduate of the school to become principal; and served in that position until his retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, active in the Community Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, Thomas Newby was a vital force in his community, serving as secretary-treasurer of the board of Sentara Life Care, as a trustee of Sentara Hospitals in Norfolk, and as a member of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of South Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to the education of the youth of Norfolk, Thomas Newby leaves an enduring legacy of service to Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the death of Thomas A. Newby, an exceptionally accomplished and valuable citizen of Portsmouth; 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 Thomas A. Newby as an expression of the high esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.

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