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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Offered January 24, 1997

On the death of Junius A. Haskins, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Junius A. Haskins, Jr., a civil rights activist, visionary community leader, and member of the Lynchburg City Council, died on January 17, 1997; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lynchburg and a graduate of Dunbar High School, Junius Haskins was a lifelong resident, with the exception of four years of study at Hampton Institute, of Lynchburg's Ward II, which he represented on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 30 years, Junius Haskins was employed by the Lynchburg Community Action Group, where he was serving as assistant director at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Junius Haskins served for 12 years as president of the Lynchburg Chapter of the NAACP, was a member of the Lynchburg Civil Rights Memorial Committee, served as chairman of the board for the Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship, and was chairman of the Virginia Municipal League's Committee on Human Development and Education Policy; and

WHEREAS, Junius Haskins served for seven years on the Lynchburg School Board, then was elected to the Lynchburg City Council in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Junius Haskins' manifold contributions were recognized by the Hunton YMCA, which gave him its Community Service Award in 1991, and by the Lynchburg NAACP, which gave him a Meritorious Achievement Award in 1992; and

WHEREAS, known for his strongly held views, moderated by a sense of humor frequently directed at himself, Junius Haskins was a passionate advocate for housing reforms in all areas of the city and for the renovation and preservation of downtown Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, Junius Haskins died while working for the city he loved, visiting the Virginia Congressional delegation to garner support for federal funding for rebuilding the Kemper Street Amtrak station; and

WHEREAS, Junius Haskins leaves an enduring legacy of visionary and effective public service, to the lasting benefit of the citizens of Lynchburg and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates mourn the untimely passing of a singularly devoted public servant, Junius A. Haskins, Jr.; 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 Junius A. Haskins, Jr., as an expression of the high esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the House of Delegates and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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