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Celebrating the life of Walter Lloyd Lovett, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Walter Lloyd Lovett, Jr., of Hampton, a respected and talented musician, died January 26, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Walter Lloyd "Skitch" Lovett, Jr., was born on October 31, 1951, at Fort Lee Hospital, attended Carver Elementary School in Newport News, and graduated from Matoaca High School in Ettrick, where he excelled in football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Skitch Lovett continued to play football at both Morgan State University and Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, among his many interests and hobbies, Skitch Lovett especially loved to play the guitar, and his gift for music evolved into a fulfilling, lifetime career; and

WHEREAS, Skitch Lovett received his first guitar as a Christmas present from his parents in the 1960s and he taught himself to play, and since he was left-handed and learned on a right-handed guitar, he ended up being quite proficient playing his guitar upside down; and

WHEREAS, Skitch Lovett was a versatile member of the band Mutiny, which released two albums, one in 1979 and one in 1983; he played with the bands Soulphonics/Black Max and Awareness Art Ensemble and wrote jingles for Budweiser commercials; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Skitch Lovett went on an exciting world tour with the band Human Rights, performing in Belgium, Italy, Amsterdam, Germany, and Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 three of his songs, "Passion," "Now or Later," and "Reality" were included on a major album by Dionne Earns entitled *Wild Seed-Wild Flower*; and

WHEREAS, Skitch Lovett will be fondly remembered for his great love of music and missed by his family and his numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a talented musician and fine Virginian, Walter Lloyd Lovett, 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 Walter Lloyd Lovett, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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