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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5038

Offered June 19, 2006

Celebrating the life of Clarence V. Cuffee.

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WHEREAS, Clarence V. Cuffee, a longtime public servant, Chesapeake city manager, and respected citizen, died on June 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Cuffee grew up in Hampton Roads, was an outstanding basketball player at Crestwood High School, and received a basketball scholarship to the college now known as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Cuffee worked as a social worker in New York, Richmond, and Hampton and received a master's degree in social work from Fordham University in New York in 1975, as well as a doctoral degree, after nearly nine years of taking classes, from Norfolk State University in 2003; and

WHEREAS, from 1978 to 1983, Clarence Cuffee served his country in the United States Army, specializing in social work with military families; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career, Clarence Cuffee taught fine arts at George Washington Carver and Oscar Smith High Schools, served as director of the bureau of social work in Norfolk, and was an influential leader and city administrator in Norfolk and Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Cuffee served as assistant and deputy city manager in Chesapeake before being appointed to the city manager post in 2002; and

WHEREAS, always thinking of the well-being of others, Clarence Cuffee was a mentor to many new and able public servants in city government and believed strongly in the empowerment of others; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Cuffee's background in social work and his gift as an excellent listener contributed to his tremendous success as an administrator, and the change in the City of Chesapeake's motto to "the city that cares" was due in part to his efforts to make government more accessible; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Cuffee will be fondly remembered for his steady and compassionate nature and his enjoyment of art and literature and will be sorely missed by his loving wife and family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the citizens of the Hampton Roadscommunity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine public servant and outstanding Virginian, Clarence V. Cuffee; and, be it

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

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