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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 120

Offered January 19, 2010

*Celebrating the life of William Samuel Carnes.*

Patron—Watkins

WHEREAS, William Samuel Carnes, a respected builder, developer, and banker, died on January 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, born in Eatonton, Georgia, on September 22, 1921, William Carnes moved to Chase City early in life; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Army; he served in Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, the Philippines, Guam, and Okinawa and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, and two Purple Hearts for his heroic actions at Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, William Carnes married the love of his life, Martha S. Carnes, and together they raised four wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, a hardworking man who took great pride in the quality of his work, William Carnes was president of W. S. Carnes, Inc., a family business of custom building and development in Richmond and surrounding counties for approximately 60 years; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes' developments included Salisbury, Meadowbrook, Indian Springs, Ranch Acres, Old Coach Hills, Meadowbrook Apartments, and Braxton Retirement community; he also built banks for Peoples Bank of Virginia, Peoples Bank of Chesterfield, and Dominion Bank; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes was involved in the formation of three local banks during his career; he was a founding director of Peoples Bank of Chesterfield; founding director and chairman of Peoples Bank of Virginia until it was sold to F & M Bank in 1998; and founding director/chairman of the second Peoples Bank of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes was a founding member of Salisbury Corporation in 1956, a longstanding member of the Home Builders Association of Richmond and Home Builders Association of Virginia for over 50 years, and member of the Salisbury Country Club and Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes was an avid supporter of the Chesterfield County Fire Department, the Chesterfield County Police Department, and the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes loved his wife, children, grandchildren, friends, and work with an incredible passion and valued his many friendships as one of his greatest accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, William Carnes will be missed by his loving children Paul, John, Mark, and Teri and their families; his brother Neal and sister Polly and their families; and his numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of a respected businessman and outstanding Virginian, William Samuel Carnes; and, be it

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

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