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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5110

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*Celebrating the life of Harold Green Jackson.*

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WHEREAS, Harold Green Jackson, a well-respected businessman and revered citizen of the City of Hampton, died on March 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson was born in the City of Newport News in 1925 to Micajah and Grace Jackson and moved to the Town of Phoebus in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson played offensive line for the Hampton High School Crabbers football team and graduated in the Hampton High School Class of 1944, where he met the love of his life, Betty Selby; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson owned or operated four successful businesses on the Virginia Peninsula for nearly five decades, including Jackson's Market, Empire Pipe and Block, Truss Engineering Company, and Paragon Contracting, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson was an honest and decent man with a reputation that was beyond reproach; he was reverently referred to as "Emperor" by his friends and business associates; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson was a distinguished member of the Hampton Rotary Club for 60 years; he served as its president in 1969 and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1982 and 2013; he lived his life and ran his businesses in the spirit of Rotary International's motto, Service above Self; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson served with honor and distinction as chair of the Selective Service Draft Board during a difficult and tumultuous time in our nation's history; he also served his community as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson was a man of faith and a lifelong member of Phoebus Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and taught Sunday school for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement years, Harold Jackson worked at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, where he shared his gift of compassion with others in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, Harold Jackson was completely devoted to his family and left them a legacy of patience, perseverance, and selflessness that they will treasure forever; he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his wife of 66 years, Betty; children, Steven, Cindi, Mary, Mark, and Michael, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of a fine Virginia gentleman, Harold Green Jackson; 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 Harold Green Jackson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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