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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 824

Celebrating the life of Garfield Ford Childs, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Garfield Ford Childs, Jr., of Richmond, a respected and successful businessman and entrepreneur, a veteran of the United States military, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and father, died on December 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Childs was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and later moved to Richmond; he attended Armstrong High School and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Childs earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; he then enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for four years before returning to Richmond, his home for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Childs was primarily interested in accounting and business; he first worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a revenue agent, and later started Childs Business Services, where for more than 40 years he offered accounting and tax preparation services, developing a loyal clientele; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Childs was a hardworking and successful entrepreneur; he frequently kept late hours at his company, helping his customers—who often became his friends; in addition to owning a company, he worked as an accountant for the Defense Supply Center Richmond; and

WHEREAS, during a long and rewarding career with the federal government and in the private sector, Garfield Childs received several accolades for providing excellent service; he retired from the federal government in 2004; and

WHEREAS, when not busy at work, Garfield Childs enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends and family; he also enjoyed fellowship and worship as a lifelong member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, where he served on the Church Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Garfield Childs will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by Joyce, his wife of 49 years; his children, Robin, Renee, Rea, and Andrew, and their families; and by many 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 loss of Garfield Ford Childs, Jr., of Richmond, a respected and successful businessman and entrepreneur, a veteran of the United States military, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and father; 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 Garfield Ford Childs, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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