

## 2017 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277

*Celebrating the life of Theodore Eugene Thieman, Sr.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

WHEREAS, Theodore Eugene Thieman, Sr., a commercial pilot, ordained pastor, and resident of the Back Bay community of Virginia Beach, died on November 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Eugene "Gene" Thieman, Sr., was born in Lockwood, Missouri, to the late Theodore and Nola Thieman; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thieman's first true love was flying and he purchased his first airplane when he was just 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thieman proudly served in the United States Navy and had a career as a commercial pilot for Eastern Airlines, logging an incredible 24,000 hours of flight time in his more than 26 years with the company; and

WHEREAS, the only thing that Gene Thieman loved more than flying was the Lord and in 1978 he was ordained as a Southern Baptist Convention minister; he served churches in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thieman was a respected member of the Back Bay community and served as a chaplain for the Virginia Beach Police Department and as a local game warden for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and careers, Gene Thieman loved spreading the word of the Lord and spending time with his large family, including his 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife, Frances, and his oldest son, Warren, Gene Thieman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Linda, Ted, Debbie, David, and Cheryl, and their families, and a large number of extended family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Theodore Eugene Thieman, Sr., a commercial pilot, ordained pastor, and upstanding resident of the Back Bay community in Virginia Beach; 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 Theodore Eugene Thieman, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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