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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 396

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Celebrating the life of Benjamin O. Moore, Jr.

Patrons—Mullin, Price and Yancey; Senator: Mason

WHEREAS, Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., a beloved husband and father and a dedicated high school basketball coach who touched the lives of countless young people in Newport News, died on December 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Queens, New York, Benjamin "Ben" O. Moore attended Livingstone College in North Carolina and graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education; he got his start in high school basketball as an assistant coach at Denbigh High School in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ben Moore took the helm as head coach of the varsity basketball team at Warwick High School; he remained at the school for 24 seasons, forging strong bonds with his players and recording over 260 victories; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Warwick High School in 2011, Ben Moore spent several years as an assistant at Virginia Wesleyan University; during the last four years of his life, he served as head coach of the varsity basketball team at Menchville High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing leadership on the basketball court, Ben Moore served as a positive role model for his players, many of whom turned to him for assistance and advice in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Ben Moore was the founder and co-director of a fall basketball league at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton; he was also an assistant, coach, or director at numerous basketball camps across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his faith, Ben Moore was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Morrison in Newport News, where he was an associate minister; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Ben Moore served as a coach, teacher, mentor, and friend to his students and helped numerous players reach their full potential both as basketball players and as young men; and

WHEREAS, Ben Moore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sharon; his children, Candace and Chris, and their families; and many other family members, friends, former students, and Newport News residents; 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 Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., a talented basketball coach who provided valuable guidance and life lessons to students in Newport News; 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 Benjamin O. Moore, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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