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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 970

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Celebrating the life of Dale Warren Dover.

Patrons—Simon; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Dale Warren Dover, a scholar, athlete, diplomat, father, grandfather, and friend who made many contributions to the Falls Church community as the city's first African American mayor, died on January 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York, Dale Dover graduated from Harvard University, where he was a standout member of the basketball team; he played and coached professional basketball in Portugal, and was a participant in the Sunday morning basketball game at the Ed Henderson Gymnasium in Falls Church for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Dale Dover was a distinguished linguist who was fluent in Mandarin, Portuguese, Danish, Hebrew, Swahili, and Arabic; and

WHEREAS, Dale Dover joined the United States Department of State in the 1970s and utilized his talents to serve as United States Vice-Consul in Denmark and coach for the Danish National Basketball team, and later as United States Consul in Tel Aviv; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from Harvard University, Dale Dover settled in the Commonwealth in 1984; he served as Mayor of Falls Church from 1990 to 1992 and as a member of the Falls Church City Council from 1990 to 1994, then practiced law in the area for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Dale Dover had a passion for serving young people and demonstrated this not only by his work with youth basketball, but by focusing his law firm on advocating for children in the court system; and

WHEREAS, Dale Dover served the residents of Falls Church with the utmost integrity and dedication, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Lauren and Noah, 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 loss of Dale Warren Dover; 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 Dale Warren Dover as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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