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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 384

Offered February 11, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Joseph C. Whitaker.*

Patrons—Locke and Mason; Delegates: Price and Ward

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Whitaker, a dedicated public servant who made many contributions to the Newport News community, died on January 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Enfield, North Carolina, Joseph Whitaker grew up in Newport News and graduated from George Washington Carver High School; he continued his education at Norfolk State College and Peninsula Business College; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Whitaker worked for Johnson and Winstead and Boise Cascade and retired from Lowe's as a contractor; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Whitaker offered his expertise to the community as a member of the Newport News Planning Commission and was elected as a member of the Newport News City Council, eventually becoming vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Viola, Joseph Whitaker will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Lamont, Darrel, Regina, and DyVeta, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joseph C. Whitaker, the former vice mayor of Newport News; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joseph C. Whitaker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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