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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 625

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Celebrating the life of George H. Banks.

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WHEREAS, George H. Banks, an inspirational civic leader in Norfolk, died on December 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Norfolk, George Banks attended Norfolk Public Schools and Norfolk State University, then served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, George Banks worked as a civil service employee for 19 years and helped enhance the quality of life in Norfolk by offering his leadership and expertise to many boards and city projects; and

WHEREAS, George Banks worked tirelessly to address housing inequality and urban poverty and was a trusted mentor and friend to countless people in the Norfolk community; he earned the nickname "The Mayor of Berkley" for his commitment to grassroots social and economic programs to revitalize the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, George Banks provided his insights to the Norfolk branch of the NAACP as a former president of the organization; and

WHEREAS, George Banks enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Berkley community as a life member of St. Mark United Church-Christ; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by a son, Edwin, George Banks will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Delores; his daughter, Cheryl, and her family; 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 George H. Banks, who worked to build a safer, stronger community in the Berkley area of Norfolk; 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 George H. Banks as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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