

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

Celebrating the life of Thomas Washington Robinson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Thomas Washington Robinson, a highly regarded broadcasting executive who was an active and beloved member of the Gloucester community, died on December 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tom" Washington Robinson began his career in broadcasting in 1965, working initially as an announcer, then in marketing, at stations in Suffolk, Norfolk, and Richmond and throughout North Carolina and West Virginia, before ultimately serving as general manager at a station in Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Tom Robinson purchased the former WDDY-AM station in Gloucester, changing its call letters to WXGM-AM in 1988 and adding WXGM-FM, XTRA 99.1 FM in 1991, greatly enhancing the radio offerings available to local residents; and

WHEREAS, as a former president of the Virginia Radio Network and a member of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, Tom Robinson aided radio stations throughout the Commonwealth in their efforts to provide interesting and informative programming to listeners; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the well-being of Gloucester and its residents, Tom Robinson served with the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Gloucester County Planning Commission for 15 years, chairing the organization in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Tom Robinson brought great joy and merriment to his community through his involvement with the Gloucester Daffodil Festival Committee, serving as the parade's grand marshal in 2008 and ensuring year after year that this cherished annual event was a triumphant success; and

WHEREAS, Tom Robinson gave generously of his time to support and care for others, serving as a member of the Gloucester Rotary Club and participating in toy drives for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his meritorious contributions to the Gloucester community, Tom Robinson was named Gloucester Business Person of the Year in 1999 by the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Tom Robinson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Marva; his son, William, and his family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Washington Robinson, an esteemed broadcasting executive who made a profound and lasting impression upon countless lives in Gloucester; 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 Thomas Washington Robinson as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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