

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 345

Celebrating the life of Rodney S. Thomas.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Rodney S. Thomas, a business owner and public servant who made many contributions to the Albemarle County community, died on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Charlottesville, Rodney Thomas graduated from Lane High School and subsequently served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Thomas began his career in the newspaper business as press room supervisor and circulation manager for the *Daily Progress*; he then worked as president of the printing company Charlottesville Press from 1979 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his community, Rodney Thomas ran for and was elected to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and represented the Rio District from 2010 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Thomas represented Albemarle County on the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization and as a member of a working group for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Thomas served on the regional board of directors of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia, of which he was a 1999 graduate; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Thomas offered his leadership to local Boys and Girls Clubs and the local YMCA; he helped keep the community safe as a former board member of Crime Stoppers and was a past president of the Charlottesville Host Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Nancy; his children, Ashley and Rod, and their families; 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 Rodney S. Thomas, a respected former member of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors; 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 Rodney S. Thomas as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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