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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 311

Offered January 18, 2021

Celebrating the life of Robert Edward Mann.

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WHEREAS, Robert Edward Mann, a retired educator who touched countless lives throughout Hampton as a volunteer and a respected community leader, died on December 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann grew up in the Phoebus area of Hampton and graduated from George P. Phenix High School; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann served his country as a member of the United States Army for six years, then continued his education at what is now Hampton University, where he majored in mathematics and played football; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann pursued a fulfilling career as a mathematics teacher and assistant football coach in Hampton City Schools and Newport News Public Schools, giving countless students the tools to achieve success in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement as a teacher, Robert Mann continued to serve young people through a tutoring program and taught adult education classes through Hampton City Schools; he also worked as a senior account agent for the Allstate Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann was active in the community as a member and former president of the Beau Brummell Civic and Social Club, and he was a longtime member of the Hampton University Boosters and the George P. Phenix High School Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Phoebus community at Zion Baptist Church, offering his wise leadership to the congregation as a trustee; he also sang in the senior choir and taught in the church's tutoring program; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mann will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 34 years, Betty Jean, 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 Robert Edward Mann; and, be it

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