2021 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 311

Celebrating the life of Robert Edward Mann.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2021 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2021

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.