

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 761

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable James Arthur Cales, Jr.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 4, 2021

WHEREAS, the Honorable James Arthur Cales, Jr., a retired judge of the Portsmouth General District Court and the Portsmouth Circuit Court, died on April 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, James "Jac" Arthur Cales, Jr., was born in Richmond and later lived in Chesapeake, where he graduated from Great Bridge High School; he subsequently earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Jac Cales relocated to Portsmouth in 1968 and served as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney until 1971, when he was elected as Commonwealth's attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Jac Cales was selected as a judge of the Portsmouth General District Court of the 3rd Judicial District of Virginia and served in that capacity for 14 years until he was selected as a judge of the Portsmouth Circuit Court of the 3rd Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, during his 29-year tenure on the bench, Jac Cales presided with great fairness and wisdom and was well-known for his compassion and genuine concern for the well-being of victims, witnesses, and jurors; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Jac Cales continued to serve as a substitute judge in the region and offered his expertise to judicial settlement conferences; throughout his career, he was a trusted mentor and friend to many local attorneys and fellow judges; and

WHEREAS, Jac Cales served the Commonwealth and the Portsmouth community with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Jac Cales will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 51 years, Sharon; his children, Melissa and James III, 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 the Honorable James Arthur Cales, Jr., a retired judge in Portsmouth; 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 the Honorable James Arthur Cales, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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