

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 805

*Celebrating the life of William Sherrod Harris, Jr.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, William Sherrod Harris, Jr., who made many contributions to the Emporia community as a public servant and a longtime emergency medical professional, died on December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, William "Billy" Sherrod Harris, Jr., graduated from Greenville County High School, then attended East Carolina University before transferring to Campbell University, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Billy Harris began serving his fellow residents of Emporia as deputy treasurer in 1967, then was elected as treasurer in 1969 and held the office until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Billy Harris was a founding member of the Greenville Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he served and safeguarded members of the community for 57 years, including 35 years as president; he was a trusted mentor, leader, and friend to generations of emergency medical professionals and was named as a life member of the squad in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Billy Harris volunteered his time and wise leadership as president of the Rotary Club of Emporia and the Emporia Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades in recognition of his professionalism and community engagement, Billy Harris received the Eugene H. Bloom Lifetime Achievement Award from the Emporia-Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the 2013 Hometown Heroes Award from the Allen & Allen law firm; and

WHEREAS, Billy Harris enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a life member of Monumental United Methodist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, lay speaker, and chair of the administrative board; and

WHEREAS, Billy Harris will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Martha; his daughter, Sherron, and her 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 William Sherrod Harris, Jr., a devoted public servant in Emporia; 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 William Sherrod Harris, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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