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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 142

Offered January 21, 2022

Celebrating the life of James T. Moore, Sr.

Patrons—Hope and Sullivan; Senator: Howell

WHEREAS, James T. Moore, Sr., an entrepreneur and a highly admired community leader in the Hall's Hill neighborhood of Arlington, died on November 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, James Moore served his country as a military police officer with the United States Army during the Korean War and attended barber college after his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, James Moore and his business partner, Rudolf Becton, established a barber shop on Lee Highway; at the time Moore's Barbershop was the only such establishment in Arlington County that served both White and Black customers, and it became a cherished local meeting place for Hall's Hill residents; and

WHEREAS, James Moore treated all his customers with equal respect and offered free haircuts to people who were sick or homebound, to individuals who were unemployed, and to children at the beginning of the school year; he believed that every interaction had meaning and even small gestures could change someone's life for the better; and

WHEREAS, James Moore was a trusted mentor to countless local young people, and his son, James Moore, Jr., followed in his footsteps as owner of Moore's Barbershop, guided by his father's principles of excellent customer service, strong personal relationships with clients, and generosity to the community; and

WHEREAS, James Moore served the Arlington community as a volunteer firefighter with Arlington Fire Station Eight, a historic volunteer fire station founded by African Americans in Hall's Hill; and

WHEREAS, James Moore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Gwendolyn; his children, James, Jr., Sharon, and Christopher, and their families; and by numerous other family members, friends, and former clients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James T. Moore, Sr., a pillar of the Hall's Hill community; 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 James T. Moore, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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