

# 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 746

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*Celebrating the life of Nelson E. Greene, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, Nelson E. Greene, Jr., an honorable veteran, esteemed businessman and mortician, co-owner and president of Greene Funeral Home in Alexandria, and a beloved member of the Alexandria community, died on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Nelson Greene served his country with honor and distinction as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, following his service, Nelson Greene was a member of the first class to complete the mortuary science program at John Tyler Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the former Virginia State College; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Greene ultimately joined Greene Funeral Home, which was founded in 1954 by his father, Nelson, Sr., and devoted his career to growing and leading the family business and serving families in Northern Virginia in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to advancing his industry, Nelson Greene served as both national and chapter president of Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, in various leadership positions in the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, and as president and board chair of the Virginia Morticians' Association; and

WHEREAS, as an adjunct professor in the mortuary science program at the University of the District of Columbia and as a founding member of the Northern Virginia District of the Virginia Morticians' Association, Nelson Greene helped many aspiring morticians and funeral service assistants in his community achieve excellence in their profession; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Greene gave generously of his time to various civic organizations, including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Departmental Progressive Club, of which he served as president, and the Alexandria City School Board, on which he served for three terms; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Nelson Greene enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Alexandria, where he served as a licensed lay preacher and as a junior warden and senior warden at various times; and

WHEREAS, joined recently in death by his daughter, Nina, Nelson Greene will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Donita; his children, Nelson III, Derrick, and James, 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 Nelson E. Greene, Jr., a cherished member of the Alexandria community whose unwavering commitment to serving others impacted countless lives; 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 Nelson E. Greene, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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