

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 671

Celebrating the life of William Freeman Crump.

Agreed to by the Senate, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, William Freeman Crump, a highly admired educator and patron of the musical arts in the Tidewater area, died on June 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, William Crump grew up in Newport News, where he attended local public schools, and he earned a bachelor's degree in public school music with an emphasis on vocal music from Virginia State College; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Virginia State College, William Crump worked in the dining hall to help support his family and played tenor saxophone as a member of the marching, concert, and jazz bands and sang solos with the acapella choir and the school orchestra; and

WHEREAS, William Crump joined the first four-year Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Virginia State College; after graduation, he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the United States Army and served the nation during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after his active duty military service, William Crump toured for two years with the distinguished De Paur Infantry Chorus as a tenor soloist understudy, then returned to the Commonwealth to begin a 30-year career as a music teacher and choral director at schools in Portsmouth and Hampton; and

WHEREAS, William Crump touched the lives of countless students in elementary school, middle school, and high school by helping them cultivate their talents and develop a fond appreciation for the musical arts; he received numerous awards and accolades for his work and also earned a master's degree from Hampton Institute; and

WHEREAS, outside of his teaching career, William Crump continued to offer his skills as a soloist and his leadership as a director to local theaters; he founded the Orpheon Male Chorus for high school and college students and the Voices of Tidewater mixed chorus for local adults and served on the boards of the Peninsula Civic Opera and EduStar Performing Arts Society; and

WHEREAS, William Crump enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, where he was a deacon, elder, chair of the men's ministry, and director of the music ministry and senior choir; and

WHEREAS, William Crump will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 63 years, Barbara; his children, Karla and Mark, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Freeman Crump; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Freeman Crump as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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