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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 494

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Celebrating the life of Perry Lee Briggs, Jr.

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., Glass, Maldonado and McQuinn; Senator: McClellan

WHEREAS, Perry Lee Briggs, Jr., a highly admired community leader who touched many lives through his mentorship and generosity, died on July 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Perry Briggs began cultivating his deep faith early in life and was baptized at St. Paul's Baptist Church, of which his great-grandparents had been co-founders; and

WHEREAS, Perry Briggs attended Richmond Public Schools and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1968; he continued his education at what is now Morgan State University and Virginia Union University before earning a bachelor's degree from Ferrum College; and

WHEREAS, during his school years, Perry Briggs was a talented athlete and a gifted singer who helped establish several local singing groups and was a member of the Virginia Union University choir; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Perry Briggs relocated to Martinsville, where he joined Mount Olive East Christian Church; he held many leadership positions in the congregation and continued to bring joy to others through his musical abilities as a member of the church choir; and

WHEREAS, Perry Briggs also served and inspired young people in the Martinsville area as a Scout leader; and

WHEREAS, Perry Briggs will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Monica, Lakiesha, and Nigel, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Perry Lee Briggs, Jr.; 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 Perry Lee Briggs, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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