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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 711

Offered February 16, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Michael Gene Rhodes.*

Patrons—Seibold, Bulova, Clark, Filler-Corn, Guzman, Helmer, Hope, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Murphy, Rasoul, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam, Sullivan, Tran, Ware and Watts; Senators: Boysko, Favola, Howell, Reeves and Spruill

WHEREAS, Michael Gene Rhodes, a respected entrepreneur, community leader, and youth athletics coach in Vienna, died on December 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Vienna, Michael Rhodes developed a passion for sports at a young age and played baseball, football, and lacrosse for Vienna Youth Incorporated (VYI) and Madison High School; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rhodes served the community as a business owner, but his true passion was mentoring young people as a coach on many of the same fields where he played as a youth; and

WHEREAS, over the course of more than 30 years, Michael Rhodes coached football, lacrosse, and softball teams, primarily at VYI's Waters Field and Madison High School, and helped generations of young men and women achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rhodes was a dedicated leader who spent countless hours strategizing with his fellow coaches, and he brought joy to others through his sharp wit and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Michael Rhodes will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Michelle; his sons, Jacob and Joshua; his parents, Brenda and Charles; 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 Michael Gene Rhodes, a highly admired resident of Vienna who made many contributions to young people in the 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 Michael Gene Rhodes as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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