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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 732

Offered February 10, 1997

On the death of Claude W. Woodward.

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Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Claude W. Woodward, former mayor of the City of Richmond and former director of Rotary International, died on January 26, 1997; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of John Marshall High School in Richmond, Claude Woodward attended Virginia Tech, after which he began a career with the Jurgens Furniture Company that lasted for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the Richmond City Council in 1957 to fill an unexpired term, Claude Woodward was elected to the council in 1958 and was elected mayor by his fellow council members in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Claude Woodward retired from Richmond City Council in 1964, having earned a reputation for energetic leadership and for advocating teamwork between the council and the city manager; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his political activities, Claude Woodward was active in the Rotary Club, joining the Richmond club in 1927 and later serving Rotary International as district governor, board member and vice president, and director; and

WHEREAS, Claude Woodward was also a 32nd-degree Mason and past president of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association; and

WHEREAS, Claude Woodward also served his community as co-chairman of Richmond's Biracial Commission on Community Relations, as a charter trustee of the board of Richmond Memorial Hospital, as president of the Richmond Chapter and member of the board of trustees of the Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive life, Claude Woodward built an enviable and enduring record of dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a distinguished Virginian, Claude W. Woodward; 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 Claude W. Woodward as an expression of the esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Richmond.

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