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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 731

Offered February 14, 2025

Celebrating the life of Gregory Scott Cook.

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WHEREAS, Gregory Scott Cook, a patriotic veteran and a distinguished entrepreneur who went above and beyond to support his fellow business owners in Old Town Manassas, died on July 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Cook served the nation as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army, earning a Purple Heart when he was wounded in action; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Cook was an integral part of the community in Manassas as the founder and president of Old Town Whiskey Club, which fostered camaraderie and fellowship while promoting an appreciation for fine spirits; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Cook quickly understood how the COVID-19 pandemic could affect the business community and established Old Town Strong to maintain bonds with customers and create a support network for local business owners; and

WHEREAS, through Old Town Strong, Gregory Cook sold t-shirts and other apparel, raising nearly \$20,000 in just 30 days to help bars and restaurants cover operating costs and weather unprecedented times; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Gregory Cook's visionary leadership, Old Town Strong continues to uplift local businesses, support community initiatives, and address pressing needs in the greater Manassas area, providing resources, guidance, and support to local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and residents in need; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one brother, Gerry, Gregory Cook will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, George and Patricia; his brothers, Richard, Michael, and Stephen, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gregory Scott Cook, a highly admired business owner and community leader in Manassas; 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 Gregory Scott Cook as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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