

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 888

Celebrating the life of Laurence T. Manning.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, Laurence T. Manning, a passionate educator who touched the lives of countless youths and a beloved husband, father, and grandfather in Portsmouth, died on September 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Laurence T. "Buck" Manning was born in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, and spent several summer vacations in his youth in Portsmouth, gaining a lifelong appreciation for the community; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning relocated to Portsmouth to live with his aunt, Viola Lewis, and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in 1962; he continued his education at Norfolk State University, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., then received a master's degree from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning began teaching in Portsmouth Public Schools in 1967; he mentored and inspired students as a teacher at William E. Waters Junior High School, Manor High School, and Craddock High School, where he also served as a junior varsity basketball coach and strove to help students achieve their fullest potential on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning went above and beyond to provide for his family, working on the night shift at the United States Gypsum Corporation and holding summer jobs with the City of Portsmouth Maintenance Department and the City of Chesapeake's Tidewater Detention Home; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of St. John Baptist Church, where he held several leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning's greatest joy in life was his family, and he relished every opportunity to support his children and grandchildren in all their pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Buck Manning will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Bertha; his sons, Laurence, Jr., and Michael, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Laurence T. Manning, a retired educator and highly admired member of the Portsmouth 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 Laurence T. Manning as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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