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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 941

Offered October 24, 2025

*Celebrating the life of Roscoe Loring Bruce.*

Patron—Wiley

WHEREAS, Roscoe Loring Bruce, a devoted community leader, beloved family man, and longtime law-enforcement officer in Frederick County, died on June 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Bruce grew up in Luray, where he attended Luray High School and was a talented multisport athlete in his youth; and

WHEREAS, after serving the nation as a military police officer during the Korean War, Roscoe Bruce returned to the Commonwealth and began his law-enforcement career as a member of the Virginia State Police in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Bruce exemplified the highest ideals of civic duty, running for sheriff of Frederick County in 1979 and going on to serve two distinguished terms in office; over the course of his career, he upheld the law with fairness, dignity, and an unshakeable commitment to the safety and well-being of all members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Bruce led a life defined by generosity, integrity, and an enduring dedication to his community; he was a mentor to countless young people as a youth baseball coach, guided Boy Scouts on countless patrols, and offered steadfast leadership at community events; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Bruce's enduring legacy lives on in the Scouts he led, the young athletes he coached, the colleagues who served beside him, and the many lives he touched across generations; and

WHEREAS, Roscoe Bruce's remarkable ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds earned him the deep respect and affection of those he served and inspired; his laughter, steady presence, and spirit of giving left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Dennis, Roscoe Bruce will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Debbie; his children and stepchildren, Michael, Michelle, Tonya, and Amy, 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 Roscoe Loring Bruce, a pillar of his community who made numerous contributions to the Commonwealth; 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 Roscoe Loring Bruce as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.