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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 950

Offered October 27, 2025

Celebrating the life of James McArthur Holland.

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WHEREAS, James McArthur Holland, an honorable veteran, accomplished certified public accountant, esteemed public servant, devoted husband and father, and beloved member of the Chesterfield County community, died on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born in Gates, North Carolina, James “Jim” McArthur Holland earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Fayetteville State University in 1979 and a master's degree in business administration from North Carolina Central University in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holland served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War, including as a paratrooper in the XVIII Airborne Corps and as a military police officer at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holland established his own accounting firm, Holland & Company, and for more than 24 years imparted his knowledge and expertise upon future accountants as an instructor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holland was elected to serve as the Dale District Supervisor on the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors in 2008 and went on to serve five terms, including as chair in 2014, 2021, and 2024, becoming the longest tenured current member on the board; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a public servant, Jim Holland oversaw a period of extraordinary growth and prosperity for Chesterfield County while guiding the locality through both the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holland additionally received several gubernatorial appointments over the years, including service on the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Board, and represented Chesterfield County regionally through his involvement with the Richmond Region Tourism Board, Capitol Region Airport Commission, Greater Richmond Partnership, PlanRVA, and Capital Region Workforce Partnership Consortium; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership and service, Chesterfield County renamed the Beulah Recreation Center as the James M. Holland Recreation Complex at Beulah in his honor, while the Chester Family YMCA presented him with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Leadership Award in 2025; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, Jim Holland was an active member of First Baptist Church Centralia in Chesterfield County, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jim Holland will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Judith; his children, James and Jessica, 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 James McArthur Holland, a pillar of the Chesterfield County community whose dedication and service made a profound impact on countless lives; 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 James McArthur Holland as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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