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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 986

Offered October 28, 2025

Celebrating the life of Chief Warrant Officer Thurman Earl Gardner, USMC Reserve, Ret.

Patron—Scott, D.

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Thurman Earl Gardner, USMC Reserve, Ret., an honorable veteran, master craftsman, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and beloved member of the Chesapeake community, died on August 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Thurman Gardner served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves for 38 years, including service during the Gulf War alongside his son, and achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4; and

WHEREAS, following his distinguished military career, Thurman Gardner embraced his gift and passion for precision manufacturing as a laboratory instrument maker supervisor at Old Dominion University, where he supported the academic community for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Thurman Gardner found joy in woodworking, cheering on the Washington Commanders, and serving as a marshal at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club and was happiest of all when spending quality time with his family and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Thurman Gardner was a dedicated member of Kempsville Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, where he served as an elder; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Claudia, Thurman Gardner will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Karen, Timothy, Keith, Scott, and Kellie, and their families and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Chief Warrant Officer Thurman Earl Gardner, USMC Reserve, Ret., a cherished member of the Chesapeake community whose legacy of love, service, and craftsmanship inspired all who knew him; 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 Chief Warrant Officer Thurman Earl Gardner, USMC Reserve, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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