

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 959

Celebrating the life of Clifton Lorenzo Faison.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, October 29, 2025

WHEREAS, Clifton Lorenzo Faison, a patriotic veteran, retired educator, and active community leader in the Tidewater Region, died on June 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison grew up in North Carolina and was a talented multisport athlete in his youth; he earned a college scholarship for basketball and graduated from St. Augustine's University in Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison joined the United States Air Force in 1974 and served the nation for more than 20 years, including missions in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison finished his military career at what is now Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, retiring as a captain in 1994; he received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, among several other decorations; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison subsequently joined Newport News Public Schools as a physical education teacher and later served as an in-school suspension coordinator; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Clifton Faison was a lifelong car enthusiast who was passionate about Corvettes; he spearheaded the creation of the Tidewater Corvette Club, which became a major participant in regional events and raised thousands of dollars to support the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank and other worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison was also a Prince Hall Mason and supported his fellow veterans as a member of American Legion Post 67 in Hampton; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Faison will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Shelia; his children, Chautauqua and Javier, 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 Clifton Lorenzo Faison; 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 Clifton Lorenzo Faison as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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