

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 974

Celebrating the life of Hilary Hewitt Jones III.

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

WHEREAS, Hilary Hewitt Jones III, an esteemed entrepreneur, devoted father, and beloved member of the Norfolk community, died on October 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Hilary “Buzzy” Hewitt Jones III made history in 1969 as the first African American to graduate from Lake Taylor High School, where he was captain of the football team and received first team All-Tidewater honors at lineman; and

WHEREAS, Buzzy Jones went on to earn a degree from what is today Hampton University in 1973, and he was proudly one of the original members of the school's student organization Ogre Phi Ogre; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of General Service Contracting, LLC, and Maximum Environmental Services, LLC, Buzzy Jones graciously served the building, remodeling, pest control, and lawn care needs of the Tidewater Region, exemplifying the values of diligence, loyalty, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Buzzy Jones gave generously of his time in support of the community through his involvement with the Salvation Army and his leadership roles with the Lambda Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Buzzy Jones will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Torri, Mordin, and Ty, 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 Hilary Hewitt Jones III, a cherished member of the Norfolk community whose kindness and generosity touched 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 Hilary Hewitt Jones III as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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