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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 86

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Celebrating the life of Thomas Blue.

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Laufer

WHEREAS, Thomas Blue, an esteemed civil engineer and land surveyor, accomplished businessman, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and beloved member of the Albemarle County community, died on July 13, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Blue was a lifelong resident of Albemarle County and graduated from the
10 University of Virginia in 1957; he would often jokingly remark that he was only willing to leave Albemarle
11 County if he knew he could return before sunset; and

12 WHEREAS, after only a year at the engineering services company Stone & Webster, Thomas Blue set out
13 and established his own land surveying business, which he successfully owned and operated until his
14 retirement; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas Blue guided the responsible growth and development of Albemarle County as a
16 member of the Albemarle County School Board and the Albemarle County Planning Commission, on which
17 he served as chair; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Blue was an active volunteer for the Democratic Party who worked tirelessly to
19 register people to vote and who often manned the polls at the Free Bridge Precinct on election day alongside
20 his wife, Josephine; and

21 WHEREAS, Thomas Blue's passions in life included farming and whitewater canoeing, and he was
22 happiest of all when spending quality time with family and loved ones; and

23 WHEREAS, preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Josephine, and his daughter, Elizabeth, Thomas
24 Blue will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Tom and Bob, and their families, and by
25 the family and friends in the surrounding communities.

25 numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it
26 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note
27 with great sadness the loss of Thomas Blue, a cherished member of the Albemarle County community whose

27 with great sadness the loss of Thomas Blue, cherished member of the Albemarle County community whose
28 legacy of service, integrity, and compassion is an inspiration to all who knew him; and, be it
29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
30 the family of Thomas Blue as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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