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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2208

Offered January 13, 2027

Celebrating the life of Rogers Brown.

Patron—Hayes

WHEREAS, Rogers Brown, a professor of music and former band leader who mentored and uplifted generations of young musicians at Norfolk State University, died in June 2026; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Brown served as associate director of bands and chief arranger of the Norfolk State University Spartan Legion marching band from 1980 to 1991, then continued to serve as a professor in the music department until his retirement in the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, working with several talented band directors over the years, Rogers Brown was instrumental in arranging powerful music that blended traditional marching style with contemporary rhythm and blues and new jack swing hits of the era; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Brown was also the creator and founder of RaJazz, a popular rhythm and blues and smooth jazz cover band that performed throughout the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world at jazz festivals and various events; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Brown inspired others through his artistry, dedicated leadership, contributions to musicianship, and commitment to overall excellence; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Brown will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and the entire Norfolk State University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Rogers Brown, a former music educator and band leader at Norfolk State University; 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 Rogers Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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