

# 2026 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2095

Offered October 27, 2026

*Celebrating the life of Jayson Shane Hudson.*

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Patron—Hackworth

WHEREAS, Jayson Shane Hudson of Blacksburg, a respected leader in the hospitality industry and a trusted volunteer leader who mentored young people through his work in Scouting, died on September 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, born in North Dakota, Jayson Hudson relocated to the Commonwealth at a young age and grew up in Blacksburg; he was an active Boy Scout and met his future wife, Amy, at a Scout camp when they were young; and

WHEREAS, Jayson Hudson pursued a career in the hospitality industry, working as a sommelier, chef, and restaurant manager in Colorado and Massachusetts before returning to Southwest Virginia; his vast knowledge of the industry and penchant for leading by example inspired his colleagues to achieve new heights in their own careers; and

WHEREAS, Jayson Hudson established the J.H. Bards Spirit Co. distillery in Blacksburg, using locally sourced ingredients to showcase the history and heritage of the region while producing exceptional whiskeys and spirits; and

WHEREAS, Jayson and Amy Hudson remained involved in Scouting as adults, and he touched countless lives through his work as a troop co-leader, council trainer, outdoor chef, and Girl Scout Gold Award committee member; and

WHEREAS, Jayson Hudson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Amy; his mother, Wanda, and her husband, Rusty; his stepfather, Dan, and his partner, Sharon; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jayson Shane Hudson, a highly admired member of the Blacksburg community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jayson Shane Hudson as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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