

2008 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 257

Celebrating the life of Robert W. Speight, Sr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2008
Agreed to by the Senate, January 31, 2008

WHEREAS, Robert W. Speight, Sr., of Richmond, a respected citizen and trucking industry leader, died on March 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Speight was born on October 7, 1930, and grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Bob Speight, while in college at North Carolina State University, was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps and an All-American basketball player for the Wolfpack and graduated in 1953; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Bob Speight played basketball for the renowned Phillips 66ers of the Amateur Athletic Union; and

WHEREAS, Bob Speight proudly served his country in the United States Army as a first lieutenant at Fort Bliss, Texas, and after his military duty lived in Staunton for a time before settling in Richmond in 1960; and

WHEREAS, along with his longtime business partner, Bob Speight founded a successful trucking company, E&S Contract Carrier, and served as its president for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, admired by his colleagues and his employees, Bob Speight was a highly respected business leader in the community, dedicated to the welfare of his employees and their families and to safety in the trucking industry; and

WHEREAS, Bob Speight was a dedicated member of the Wolfpack Club and a great supporter of sports in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC); he was inducted into the Legends of the ACC in 2006, received North Carolina State University's Ronnie Shavlik Award of Merit in 2007, and his #80 jersey was retired in 1999 and hangs from the rafters of the RBC Center, the home of NC State basketball; and

WHEREAS, Bob Speight will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by his wife, Mary Estes Speight; his loving children, Chris Brown, Elizabeth Cooley, and Bobby Speight, Jr., and their wonderful families that include his seven beloved grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends in the Richmond community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Robert W. Speight, Sr.; 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 Robert W. Speight, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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