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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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*Celebrating the life of William Lee Allen, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, William Lee Allen, Sr., a respected member of the Accomack County community, died on October 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Maryland, William "Bill" Allen grew up in Accomack County and graduated from Mary N. Smith High School; and

WHEREAS, Bill Allen worked at Wallops Flight Facility for more than two decades, beginning his career as a security guard and ultimately becoming a radar control technician; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Bill Allen began a second career with Accomack County Parks & Recreation as a summer program director; he subsequently served as acting director, then director of the department, and served the community in that capacity for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from Accomack County Parks & Recreation, Bill Allen explored several entrepreneurial opportunities, such as owning and operating a barbershop and a janitorial service, as well as becoming a landlord and a professional bail bondsman; and

WHEREAS, Bill Allen also played a critical role in the establishment of the Mary N. Smith Center for Cultural Enrichment, a multipurpose community center in the former Mary N. Smith School building; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep faith, Bill Allen joined St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church at a young age and was a dedicated member of the congregation for more than 70 years; he served as chair of the trustee and steward boards, was a member of the male and senior choirs, and organized the church's Men's Day for many years; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ellen, Bill Allen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children and their families and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Lee Allen, Sr., a highly admired community leader who made many contributions to the residents of Accomack County; 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 William Lee Allen, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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