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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 209

Offered March 10, 2022

Celebrating the life of Thomas Gunn Underwood.

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WHEREAS, Thomas Gunn Underwood, a public servant who helped enhance the quality of life of his fellow Suffolk residents, died on February 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Underwood was a 13th-generation Virginian and grew up in Suffolk; he served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War as a boiler technician aboard the USS *Block Island*, rising to the rank of petty officer third class; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Thomas Underwood worked for the Hercules Powder Company in Franklin, then settled in Holland when it was still part of the former Nansemond County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Underwood enjoyed a long career with Nansemond County, City of Nansemond, and City of Suffolk government, serving as zoning administrator, assistant city manager, and acting city manager; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Thomas Underwood ran for and was elected to the Suffolk City Council and represented the residents of the Holy Neck Borough from 1994 to 1998, during which time he also served a two-year term as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Underwood was a passionate lifelong learner who enjoyed studying and debating history, politics, and philosophy, and he imparted his love of reading and the pursuit of knowledge to his children; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Shirley, Thomas Underwood will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Pamela, Peter, and William, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Gunn Underwood, a respected member of the Suffolk community; 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 Thomas Gunn Underwood as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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