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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 157

Offered February 23, 2022

Celebrating the life of Eddie Harold Hodges.

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WHEREAS, Eddie Harold Hodges, a hardworking civil servant and dedicated community leader in Hampton Roads, died on January 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, North Carolina, Eddie Hodges relocated to Norfolk with his family at a young age and graduated from Great Bridge High School; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Hodges served his country as a member of the United States Navy and worked at Norfolk Naval Shipyard after his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Hodges subsequently worked for the regional officer in charge of construction at Naval Station Norfolk, where he retired after 30 years of service to the fleet; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Hodges was an active community leader as a past master of Great Bridge Masonic Lodge No. 257 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, chaplain of the local Khedive Temple; and past president and chaplain of the Chesapeake Shrine Club, as well as chair of the club's annual oyster roast for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Hodges inspired others through his unfailing kindness and incredible generosity; he was a charter member and past president of the South Norfolk Ruritan Club, leading numerous other fundraisers and charitable events; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Betty Jean, Eddie Hodges will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sons, Lance and Tracey, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Eddie Harold Hodges; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Eddie Harold Hodges as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.