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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 403

Offered February 4, 2000

On the death of William T. Ham, Jr.

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WHEREAS, William T. Ham, Jr., emeritus professor of medical bioengineering at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia, died on September 2, 1999; and

WHEREAS, William T. Ham, Jr., was educated at the University of Virginia, earning his bachelor of science degree in engineering, master of science in physics, and doctor of philosophy in physics in 1935; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, Dr. Ham conducted research at the University of Virginia in ultracentrifuge technology for the Manhattan Project; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Dr. Ham served his country in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, while employed at the Health Physics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Dr. Ham contributed to the assessment of the radiation doses received by the survivors of the atomic bombs in Japan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ham was instrumental in the establishment of a professional society for health physics, served on the board of directors and two terms as president of the Health Physics Society, and participated actively in the Virginia Chapter of the Health Physics Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ham served the Commonwealth as a member of the Radiation Advisory Board and was named in 1969 to the President's Electromagnetic Radiation Management Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ham was recognized for his research, in collaboration with the Department of Ophthalmology, on the effects of high-intensity light and lasers on the eye at the Medical College of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the death of William T. Ham, Jr., a leader, teacher, and distinguished scientist; 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 T. Ham, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's abiding respect for his memory and his many accomplishments.

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