HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 859

On the death of Eddie A. Dillard.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2003 Agreed to by the Senate, February 13, 2003

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched a violent attack on the United States, causing great destruction and horrible human suffering in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the attack had a devastating effect in Virginia, home of the Pentagon and Dulles National Airport, from which American Airlines Flight 77 was commandeered and used by terrorists as a weapon to destroy human lives and damage the structure of the Pentagon, which serves as the center of this nation's defense network; and

WHEREAS, among the victims on American Airlines Flight 77 was Eddie A. Dillard, an aspiring entrepreneur who invested in real estate around the country; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gary, Indiana, Eddie A. Dillard completed his undergraduate studies at Bishop College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Phi fraternity and earned a bachelor of science degree in history with a minor in marketing; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Eddie A. Dillard served as a marketing manager with Phillip Morris Corporation until his retirement in the late 1990s; and

WHERÊAS, Eddie A. Dillard relocated from Seattle with his wife, Rosemary, as she embarked upon a new job assignment in Alexandria in February of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Eddie A. Dillard was on a business trip from Dulles Airport aboard American Airlines Flight 77 to inspect several of his real estate investments on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated father and a loving husband, Eddie A. Dillard will be greatly missed by his wife, his numerous friends, and his family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the loss of Eddie A. Dillard, a victim of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States; 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 Eddie A. Dillard as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.