

2004 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 208

On the death of Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 16, 2004
Agreed to by the Senate, January 22, 2004

WHEREAS, Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr., of Richmond, a former member of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia who was noted for his support of higher education, died on September 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Eugene Sydnor was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Princeton University and earned a master of business administration degree from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Sydnor served his country for four years during World War II in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Sydnor served in the House of Delegates from 1953 to 1955 and in the Senate of Virginia from 1955 to 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 Eugene Sydnor sponsored the legislation that created the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia, and he later served as the first chairman of the State Technical Education Board and the first chairman of the State Board for Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his significant contributions to technical and vocational education in the Commonwealth, Eugene Sydnor was honored by the Rufus W. Beamer Foundation at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Sydnor served on the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Government and was a former director of the Virginia Division of Industrial Development and Planning; and

WHEREAS, a successful businessman in Richmond, Williamsburg, and the Northern Neck, Eugene Sydnor held leadership positions with the National and Virginia Retail Merchants Associations, the United States and Richmond Chambers of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous community service activities, Eugene Sydnor was a trustee of the former Richmond Area Community Chest and a vice president of the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Sydnor led a life of significant achievement in several fields, and his contributions to his community, the Commonwealth, and the nation were numerous and lasting; 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 a distinguished Virginian, Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr.; 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 Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr., as an expression of the esteem in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.

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