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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 186

Offered February 13, 2004

On the death of Howard Worth Smith, Jr.

Patrons—Ticer and Saslaw; Delegates: Ebbin, Moran and Van Landingham

WHEREAS, Howard Worth Smith, Jr., of Alexandria, a prominent and successful attorney, historian, and public servant and the longest-serving member of the Alexandria Library Board, died on December 29, 2003; and

WHEREAS, a native and lifelong resident of Alexandria, Howard Smith was a graduate of Greenbriar Military Academy, Randolph-Macon College, and the George Washington University Law School; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Howard Smith was a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, responsible for the condition of prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention; and

WHEREAS, Howard Smith served for two terms as Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Alexandria and was president of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in the history and preservation of Alexandria, Howard Smith led the effort to restore and preserve Gadsby's Tavern, which was about to be demolished, and both owned and presided over the architectural restoration of Lafayette House; and

WHEREAS, Howard Smith was also instrumental in the restoration of numerous historic residences in Alexandria and was a firm supporter of the preservation of Old Town Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, widely known for his love of books, Howard Smith was a member of the Alexandria Library Board for 63 years, during which he played an important role in the establishment of the Queen Street branch and the design of the new central library; and

WHEREAS, Howard Smith was a founding member of the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Community Concerts Association, and the Little Theater of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, throughout a life of significant achievement in many fields, Howard Smith remained true to his principles and served his community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with uncommon dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with sadness the passing of an exceptional Virginian, Howard Worth Smith, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Howard Worth Smith, Jr., as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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