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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 162

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Celebrating the life of John D. Ringle.

Patrons—O'Brien, Devolites Davis, Puller and Saslaw; Delegates: Albo, Bulova, Callahan and Hugo

WHEREAS, John D. Ringle, a respected citizen and a visionary Fairfax Station developer and environmentalist, died on December 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in the United States Army, John Ringle worked as a surveyor for the military and several corporations for many years; and

WHEREAS, committed to enhancing the quality of life for his fellow residents of Fairfax, John Ringle established his own development company and created 11 communities in Fairfax Station; and

WHEREAS, committed to building neighborhoods that enhanced the beauty of the land and protected the environment, John Ringle decided to build his homes on five-acre lots instead of the customary one-acre lots of the time; and

WHEREAS, an immensely talented and innovative developer, John Ringle established the communities of English Hills, Summerwind, The Chase, Cathedral Forest, and Beech Tree at the Park; and

WHEREAS, John Ringle and his wife Maxine sold nearly 300 acres to the Fairfax County Park Authority for Fountainhead Regional Park, which helped save and preserve land from Fountainhead to Bull Run in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors followed John Ringle's example and made five-acre zoning a tenet of its Comprehensive Plan for the 41,000 acres between Clifton and Fairfax Station; and

WHEREAS, during Fairfax County's 200-year anniversary celebration, John Ringle was proclaimed by the county to be the "Father of the Occoquan Watershed," because of his numerous conservation efforts to protect land adjacent to the Occoquan River; and

WHEREAS, John Ringle's support and stewardship of the Occoquan River, which provides 15 percent of the water for Fairfax County, will benefit the residents of Fairfax for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, John Ringle will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his loving wife and family, his numerous friends and admirers, and the citizens of Fairfax County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a dedicated conservationist and outstanding Virginian, John D. Ringle; and, be it

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

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