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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 596

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*Celebrating the life of Stephen H. Snell.*

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WHEREAS, Stephen H. Snell of Alexandria, a respected citizen and community activist, died on January 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maine, Stephen Snell attended The College of William and Mary, graduating in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in history; he worked in historic preservation in New England for many years before moving back to Virginia in 1983; and

WHEREAS, one of the founders of William and Mary Gay and Lesbian Alumni (GALA), established in 1986, Stephen Snell's creativity and drive helped make this advocacy organization one of the most effective gay and lesbian alumni organizations in the country; and

WHEREAS, as chair of GALA's special fundraising committee for the Richard Cornish Endowment Fund at Earl Gregg Swem Library, Stephen Snell coordinated an effort that culminated in 2006 with the committee's surpassing its goal of raising \$100,000 for the fund; and

WHEREAS, a direct descendent of Thomas Snell, who migrated from Wiltshire, England, to Massachusetts in the early 17th century, Stephen Snell was an avid genealogist who helped organize the Snell Family Association and was in the midst of planning an extended Snell family reunion for 2009; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Snell was always active in his community, doing everything from creating an emergency manual for residents of his apartment complex to making sure the Washington, D.C., Metro's restrooms were available to customers, and from volunteering as a poll worker to spearheading efforts to get pedestrian crosswalk signs posted on a busy road in his neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a man of great energy, tenacity, and vision, Stephen Snell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his many loving family members and dear friends; 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 Stephen H. Snell, a fine Virginian; 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 Stephen H. Snell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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