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Offered March 6, 2008

Celebrating the life of George Loyall Gordon, Jr.

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WHEREAS, George Loyall Gordon, Jr., who served as the Commissioner of the Revenue for Stafford County for 57 years, died on March 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, born in Albemarle County, George Gordon moved with his family to Stafford County as a baby and lived there the rest of his life; he was educated at home and in the Stafford public schools and later earned a degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, George Gordon began working in Stafford County's office of the Commissioner of the Revenue in 1940, and he was appointed commissioner of the revenue in July 1942, at the age of 23, a position he held until retiring in 1999; and

WHEREAS, George Gordon served the citizens of Stafford County with great professionalism but also, as a neighbor, he was always ready to listen to their stories, answer any questions, and help them submit paperwork; and

WHEREAS, until the mid-1970s, George Gordon did all the real estate and personal property tax assessments in Stafford County by himself, and in the mid-1980s, he computerized the land tax records in his office and helped do the same in the county treasurer's office; and

WHEREAS, George Gordon possessed a keen interest in history and a sharp memory for details, and he was a fountain of information about his beloved Stafford County and a charter member of the Stafford County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and a brother, George Gordon will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous extended family members and good friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Loyall Gordon, Jr., an exceptional public servant and 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 George Loyall Gordon, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.