

2008 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 178

Celebrating the life of Martin McLaughlin.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2008
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2008

WHEREAS, Martin McLaughlin of Arlington, an expert on food policy and an advocate for the world's poor and hungry, died on November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portland, Oregon, Martin McLaughlin graduated from the University of Portland in 1938 and then earned a master's degree and a doctorate, both in political science, from the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Martin McLaughlin served in the Army Air Force, first in North Africa and then in India, as a cryptographic officer and was honorably discharged as a captain in 1946; and

WHEREAS, after teaching for three years at DePaul University, Martin McLaughlin joined the State Department and was first posted to Bonn, Germany; he worked at NATO headquarters in Paris from 1957 to 1960, and in 1965 joined the Agency for International Development; and

WHEREAS, Martin McLaughlin retired from the federal government in 1973 and began a second career as an advocate for the poor and hungry; from 1974 to 1983, he was a senior fellow and later vice president of the Overseas Development Council, a private research group that studied international development problems; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Overseas Development Council in 1983, Martin McLaughlin became a consultant on food and international economic policy to the United States Catholic Conference and other organizations, and in 2002, he published the book *World Food Security: A Catholic View of Food Policy in the New Millennium*; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, where he sang in the choir and occasionally played the organ for Sunday Mass, Martin McLaughlin was an ardent supporter of the church's many missions and programs; and

WHEREAS, Martin McLaughlin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 59 years, Paddy; his six sons, Martin, Peter, Christopher, Michael, Stephen, and Mark; his nine grandchildren; and countless other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Martin McLaughlin, an outstanding advocate for people in need around the globe; and, be it

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

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