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Celebrating the life of Keon S. Chi.

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WHEREAS, Keon S. Chi, a nationally recognized expert on federalism and state government and a longtime faculty member at Georgetown College in Kentucky, died on January 9, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chi was closely involved for many years with the Council of State Governments (CSG) and directed the Innovative Technology Awards for the CSG's Southern Legislative Conference, of which Virginia is a member; and

WHEREAS, a native of South Korea, Dr. Chi came to the United States in the 1960s and earned a Ph.D. in political science at the Claremont Graduate University; in 1970 he joined the faculty at Georgetown College became a popular and effective teacher, department chair, and academic dean over the next 36 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Dr. Chi joined the CSG as a senior policy analyst; in 1991, he became a senior fellow, and in 2006, after retiring from Georgetown College, he began working full-time at the center and was named director of the newly established Center of State Governance Transformation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chi served as editor-in-chief of *The Book of the States*, CSG's annual reference book on American state government; he wrote more than 100 journal articles, monographs, book chapters, and columns on pressing issues; and, because of his expertise and national reputation, he was invited often to speak to state legislative committees and national government service organizations; and

WHEREAS, a patient man with a good sense of humor who had developed a passion for golf late in life, Dr. Chi will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his wife, In Soon; his two sons, Ron and John, and their families; and many other family members and dear 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 Keon S. Chi, a respected scholar on state government; and, be it

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

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