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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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*Celebrating the life of Al Rosenbaum.*

Patrons—Loupassi and O'Bannon; Senator: Watkins

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum, a talented artist and a cofounder of the Virginia Holocaust Museum, died on April 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Brooklyn, Al Rosenbaum came to Richmond in 1960 with the love of his life, Sylvia Rosenbaum; and

WHEREAS, an interest in art glass led Al Rosenbaum to begin taking classes in glass-blowing and casting at Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum used glass and other materials to create sculptures that won awards in art shows as far away as Pennsylvania and Michigan; he produced a one-man show at the Valentine Museum in Richmond in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum was, along with Jay Ipson and Mark Fetter, one of the cofounders of the Virginia Holocaust Museum, which is located in the Shockoe Bottom area of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Holocaust Museum was founded in 1997 with a mission of "Teaching Tolerance Through Education" to educate people on the atrocities of the Holocaust of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum worked diligently with the other cofounders throughout the years to create a museum that would serve as a learning center for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, several of Al Rosenbaum's sculptures now reside at the Virginia Holocaust Museum, including one of a menorah with six eternal candles, each candle representing one million Jewish dead; and

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum also created the six-foot-tall "Shoah," Hebrew for "holocaust," sculpture out of wrought iron reminiscent of concentration-camp gates and glass to symbolize Kristallnacht; and

WHEREAS, Al Rosenbaum was a humble man who used his talents and time throughout his life to build a legacy for his family and community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Al Rosenbaum will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Sylvia; son Norman and his wife Maureen; son Mark and his wife Leslie; his granddaughter, Rachel; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a talented artist and one of the founders of the Virginia Holocaust Museum, Al Rosenbaum; 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 Al Rosenbaum as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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