

## 2010 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 176

*Celebrating the life of Robert N. Twigg.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2010

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2010

WHEREAS, Robert N. Twigg of Leesburg, a respected citizen, community supporter, and outstanding newspaper journalist, died on November 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Robert N. "Bob" Twigg was born in Cumberland, Maryland, on December 8, 1946, the third of nine children to Regina and William Twigg, and he graduated from Frostburg State University in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Bob Twigg began his career in journalism at *The Cumberland Times* as a college student and continued working for the newspaper after graduation; and

WHEREAS, a promising young reporter, Bob Twigg soon joined the Hagerstown newspaper, where he became sports editor, covering the Baltimore Orioles and the Baltimore Colts; and

WHEREAS, Bob Twigg moved to Pensacola, Florida, and joined Gannett Co. Inc., as an editor, and in 1983, he transferred to Washington, D.C., to be a part of Gannett's new newspaper *USA Today*; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished 16-year career with *USA Today*, Bob Twigg served as Washington/White House editor, national editor, and senior reporter, covering the administrations of Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton; and

WHEREAS, a talented and accomplished journalist, Bob Twigg traveled to the Malta Summit with George H.W. Bush; covered the first Gulf War, contributing to a Gannett book on the war; and reported on the O.J. Simpson trial and all major news events across the country; and

WHEREAS, when he retired from *USA Today* in 1997, Bob Twigg worked as the publisher of the *Senior News in Loudoun County* from 1998 to 2002 and as the editor of the *Loudoun Times Mirror* in 2005; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Bob Twigg generously gave his time and expertise to many civic organizations, including as chair of Loudoun County's Christmas in April, a board member of the Loudoun YMCA, Blue Ridge Speech and Hearing, Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, and as a Big Brother in the Best Buddies program; and

WHEREAS, a mentor to his colleagues and an avid volunteer, Bob Twigg received many awards and accolades over the years for his many contributions to his profession and to his community; and

WHEREAS, Bob Twigg was a faithful member of St. James Church; and he made mission trips to Pine Ridge, the Lakota/Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, and New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Bob Twigg will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, the former mayor of Leesburg, B. J. Webb; his family, Michael Twigg, Russell Wright and his wife Carrie and daughter Helena, Kevin Wright and his wife Dena and daughter Katelyn; his five brothers and three sisters; and numerous friends and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine journalist and outstanding Virginian, Robert N. Twigg; 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 Robert N. Twigg as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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