

2011 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 439

Celebrating the life of Alan Ivan Kay.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 10, 2011
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2011

WHEREAS, Alan Ivan Kay, an admired real estate entrepreneur and generous philanthropist who once resided in McLean, died on June 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Alan Kay was born on July 23, 1934, and was one of three sons; at the tender age of 12, he lost his father to a heart attack and went to work handing out peanut samples to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, after working his way through the University of Maryland as an appliance salesman, Alan Kay embarked on a highly successful real estate development career in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Alan Kay's numerous projects included the development of single-family homes from former vice president Nelson Rockefeller's estate and the office buildings and hotel complex above the Bethesda Metro; and

WHEREAS, a savvy entrepreneur, Alan Kay decided to expand his business from the local metropolitan area and bought out his longtime business partner to create Alan I. Kay Company, building apartment complexes and office buildings around the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, liberal benefactors to numerous charitable organizations in the region, Alan Kay and his wife, Dianne, served as cochairmen of the annual American Cancer Society ball in Washington, D.C., for most of the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Alan Kay and his wife hosted the event at their home, Merrywood, which was the childhood home of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy; they turned the gala into a highly anticipated social event that featured international celebrities and helped raise more than \$1 million annually for cancer research and education; and

WHEREAS, Alan I. Kay Company, under the direction of Alan Kay, oversaw the construction of Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health at no cost; the facility provides a welcoming, home-like atmosphere for children and their families as the child undergoes treatment; and

WHEREAS, Alan Kay also served as a valuable member of the Virginia Transportation Board under Governor L. Douglas Wilder; and

WHEREAS, a charismatic and hardworking individual, Alan Kay enjoyed tremendous success in his endeavors and graciously shared his good fortune with numerous causes; and

WHEREAS, Alan Kay will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Dianne; children, Michael, Donna, and Bryan, and their families; and his numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 an admired real estate entrepreneur and generous philanthropist, Alan Ivan Kay; and, be it

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

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