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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 381

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Celebrating the life of David Yost Boyce.

Patrons—Minchew and May; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, David Yost Boyce of Millwood, an authority on early Virginia history and an advocate for historic preservation, died on November 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, David Yost "Millwood" Boyce graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina; he received a master's degree from New York University and studied for his Ph.D. there; and

WHEREAS, David Boyce worked in New York for eight years before returning to Clarke County; he was executive director of Downtown Berryville, Inc., and then began work at historic Oatlands Plantation; and

WHEREAS, a well-known and highly respected authority on Virginia's early history, David Boyce was a scholar of the distinguished Carter family of Virginia; his interest came in part due to his position as executive director of Oatlands Plantation, a Carter family property; and

WHEREAS, while at Oatlands, David Boyce supervised restoration and preservation projects at this esteemed National Trust for Historic Preservation property and helped establish the Douglas W. Hunt Center for Historical Studies; he also implemented a well-received winter lecture series; and

WHEREAS, the public's perception of Oatlands increased during David Boyce's tenure; he was instrumental in the establishment of the Middleburg Kennel Club All Breeds Dog Show at the plantation as well as an annual high school cross country meet and a Christmas Theatre program; and

WHEREAS, David Boyce became executive director of Long Branch Historic House and Farm in Clarke County in 2010; because of his experience and vast knowledge of the Commonwealth's early history, he frequently was a guest lecturer for college classes and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, David Boyce was involved in preservation and conservation issues that affected Loudoun County; he was a consultant for regional historic and museum properties and served on the board of the Clarke County Historic Preservation Commission and the Claremont Trust; and

WHEREAS, community and civic involvement was important to David Boyce; he was a past president and board member of the Millwood Country Club, a former board member of the Mosby Heritage Association, and served as a member of the Winchester Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, David Boyce will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Justin and Emma, and by many other family members, friends, and professional colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an esteemed Virginian and a scholar of the Commonwealth's storied early history, David Yost Boyce; 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 David Yost Boyce as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and appreciation for his work to preserve a part of Virginia's past for present and future generations.

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