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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 452

Offered February 27, 2012

*Celebrating the life of Edgar Clarence Eck, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, Edgar Clarence Eck, Jr., a respected businessman and community builder who faithfully served the residents of the City of Richmond as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1990 through 1991, died on February 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Edgar "Ed" Eck graduated from Benedictine High School and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Notre Dame, where he served as president of the senior class, played football, and helped create the school's honor system; and

WHEREAS, Ed Eck returned to his hometown to join the family business, Southeastern Electric Supply Company, later known as Eck Supply Company, and formed his own company, Eck Enterprises, Inc., in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Ed Eck envisioned a revitalization of the neighborhood where he worked and began to purchase and renovate local properties while working with a variety of community groups and city officials to create an Uptown Richmond that would welcome residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a consensus builder, Ed Eck's efforts eventually resulted in the rehabilitation of a neighborhood that today boasts attractive pastel-colored buildings where businesses and residents thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ed Eck was also an advocate for the formation of the Cary Street Planning Commission and served as its chair; he worked diligently to bring together a variety of stakeholders to create a common vision for the area; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his hometown, Ed Eck ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1989, representing the 68th District; and

WHEREAS, during his term of office, Ed Eck served on the Education, General Laws, Labor and Commerce, and Chesapeake and Its Tributaries Committees and worked alongside fellow legislators to advance legislation to benefit his constituents and the residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Ed Eck greatly enjoyed spending time with dear friends and beloved family members at his family farm, Belle Oaks, in Nottoway County and golfing and renewing friendships during winters spent in Naples, Florida; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man who possessed a deep faith, Ed Eck will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sarah; children, E.C., Bill, Kelly, and Brandi, and their families; numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 one of its former members and an admired citizen of Richmond, Edgar Clarence Eck, Jr.; 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 Edgar Clarence Eck, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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