## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 470**

Celebrating the life of Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2012 Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2012

WHEREAS, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., a native son and beloved father and grandfather, was born on March 31, 1924, and entered into eternal rest on September 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., attended Hampden-Sydney College and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., valiantly served this nation during World War II as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, 8th Air Force, and was stationed in Grafton Underwood, England; he was the Captain of a B-17, completed 35 missions, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the United States Counselor Service, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., served in several German cities to assist in the rebuilding of postwar Germany; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., started a successful career as an investment advisor and stockbroker and was employed for more than 40 years in the securities business with Davenport & Co., Scott & Stringfellow, and Wheat Securities in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., was an avid sailor and was one of the first members of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club; a voracious reader of many subjects, he also reviewed books for the local newspaper; he loved music and was a founder of the Richmond Symphony; and he was a faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Country Club of Virginia, where he enjoyed playing tennis with longtime friends and tennis partners; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2011, a mere three months after the death of Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., his beloved wife, Sophie Ann Salley, a longtime Richmond political and social activist, joined him in eternal rest, and their family, friends, colleagues, and associates sadly grieve their loss and share loving memories of them both; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., will be remembered lovingly by his children and grandchildren, his many friends, and other persons whose lives he touched; 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 Thomas Raysor Salley, 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 Thomas Raysor Salley, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.