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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 124

Celebrating the life of John C. Holland, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2012
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2012

WHEREAS, John C. Holland, Jr., of Arrington, a successful businessman and generous community supporter, died on December 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, John Holland possessed a strong will and work ethic that was matched only by his devotion to helping others; and

WHEREAS, the president of two companies, John C. Holland Enterprises and Hampton Roads Disposal, both located in Suffolk, John Holland was also a partner in the Greater Dismal Swamp Restoration Bank, a wetlands restoration company; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, John Holland bought, along with his late father, historic Oak Ridge Estate, located in Arrington, a small community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County, and made his home there while commuting to the Hampton Roads area for business; and

WHEREAS, John Holland deeply appreciated the fine architecture and furnishings of the home and used many items from his salvage business in restoring the 200-year-old mansion to its former glory, graciously opening restored areas and gardens to the public; and

WHEREAS, a kind-hearted man, John Holland took an active, but often behind-the-scenes role in community affairs, reaching out to individuals and organizations in need in both Nelson County and the Hampton Roads area with amazing generosity; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in his field, John Holland had recently been appointed by Governor McDonnell to the Board for Waste Management Facility Operators; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, John III, John Holland will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife of 34 years, Rhonda; daughters, Heather and Reagan, and their families; and other family members and friends; 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 a remarkable Virginian, John C. Holland, Jr.; and, be it

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

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