SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 142

Celebrating the life of Kenneth Vincent Geroe.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2012 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2012

WHEREAS, Kenneth Vincent Geroe, a noted attorney and civic leader from Virginia Beach, died on July 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Kenneth "Ken" Geroe grew up in the Bayview section of Norfolk, graduating from Norfolk Catholic High School and receiving a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at The College of William and Mary, Ken Geroe began his distinguished legal career as an associate in the office of the Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Ken Geroe later entered private practice and eventually founded Geroe and Rosenblatt in 1993, developing a specialty in probate administration and dedicating himself to the best interests of his clients; the firm later merged to become Brydges, Geroe, Rosenblatt & O'Brien; and

WHEREAS, a respected attorney, Ken Geroe also served as the Commissioner of Accounts for the Virginia Beach Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Ken Geroe generously gave of his time and talents to numerous organizations and businesses, including Old Dominion University, Jefferson National Bank, and the State Board for Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Ken Geroe served as president of the board of directors for The Hurrah Players, Inc., a nonprofit performing arts academy; he proved to be a tireless advocate for the organization and played an instrumental role in its purchase of a new headquarters building; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in the Democratic Party, Ken Geroe served as the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee chair, Democratic Party of Virginia vice chair, and Democratic Party Second Congressional District chair, in addition to providing sound advice to a variety of leaders on the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, a man of high principles, respected for his calm and affable manner, Ken Geroe served his profession, community, and family with great enthusiasm and diligence; and

WHEREAS, a devoted father who loved spending time with his children, Ken Geroe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his four children, Daniel, Katherine, Caroline, and Margaret; parents, Marvin "Ken" and Joan Geroe, and sister, Gabrielle "Missy" Geroe Zimmerman; and numerous other family members, friends, colleagues, 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 a respected attorney and community advocate, Kenneth Vincent Geroe; and, be it

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