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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 213

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*Celebrating the life of Robert Williams Daniel, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, Robert Williams Daniel, Jr., who served the Commonwealth and nation with great distinction as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1973 until 1983, died on February 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, born in Richmond, Robert Daniel was the son of Charlotte Bemiss and Robert Williams Daniel of Prince George County; his father was a former member of the Senate of Virginia and a bank executive who survived the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*; and

WHEREAS, a hardworking student and admired scholar, Robert Daniel graduated from Woodberry Forest School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Robert Daniel spent several years as a financial analyst, shared his expertise with students at the University of Richmond's Robins School of Business as an instructor, and proudly served his country in the United States Army and, from 1964 to 1968, at the Central Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, desirous to serve the Commonwealth and nation, Robert Daniel won election to the United States House of Representatives in 1972 and faithfully served the Fourth Congressional District for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, an influential member of the House Armed Services Committee, Representative Daniel was a stalwart supporter of those in uniform and their families and championed a strong military; and

WHEREAS, after his distinguished service in the United States House of Representatives, Robert Daniel continued to serve his country as deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense from 1984 to 1986 and as the director of intelligence for the Department of Energy from 1990 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Robert Daniel earned numerous awards and accolades over the course of his illustrious career, including the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal for his many contributions to the country's intelligence community and national security; and

WHEREAS, Robert Daniel was the owner and operator of Brandon Plantation in Prince George County, a United States National Historic Landmark and one of the oldest continuous agricultural operations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Robert III, Robert Daniel will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Linda; surviving children, Charlotte and Nell, and their families; stepdaughters, Lesley and Leanne, and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 an esteemed statesman and public servant, Robert Williams Daniel, Jr.; and, be it

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

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