

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78

Celebrating the life of Richard Fuller Hall, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2012
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2012

WHEREAS, Richard Fuller Hall, Jr., a distinguished attorney, admired business leader, and generous community supporter from the Eastern Shore, died on September 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Brooklyn, New York, Richard "Dick" Hall attended Brooklyn Public Schools, Accomac School, and Fishburne Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall enrolled in the United States Navy's V-12 program at the University of Virginia, which was designed to train officers as the United States became embroiled in World War II; and

WHEREAS, after attending Midshipmen's School at Northwestern University and being commissioned an ensign, Dick Hall proudly served his country onboard LST-503 until the war ended; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall returned to the University of Virginia to complete his undergraduate degree while also playing on the football team; after earning a law degree as well, he relocated to San Francisco, beginning his legal career with a position at the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall later returned to the Eastern Shore and established a law practice in Accomac, where for more than 50 years, he ably served his clients and developed a reputation as a skilled attorney who possessed a keen grasp of the law; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall also became involved in real estate on the Eastern Shore, developing Four Corner Plaza in Onley to bring in retailers to serve local residents and acquiring the Smith and Myrtle barrier islands, which the Nature Conservancy later bought; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall played a vital role in community affairs, joining with other Eastern Shore business leaders to found Shore Savings and Loan in 1961 and later serving as chairman of the board when it became Shore Bank and had its shares listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of education, Dick Hall was a lifelong supporter of his alma mater and worked alongside other community leaders to found and develop Broadwater Academy, an independent college preparatory school on the Eastern Shore; and

WHEREAS, a longtime board member of the school, Dick Hall provided wise counsel and visionary leadership to Broadwater Academy, and he and his wife sponsored the construction of the school's gymnasium, which was named in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall and his family enjoyed worship and fellowship at historic Makemie Presbyterian Church in Accomac, located on the original site where the chief founder of American Presbyterianism, the Reverend Francis Makemie, held meetings in the late 1600s; and

WHEREAS, Dick Hall generously sponsored the relocation of a statue of Francis Makemie from upper Accomack County to the Makemie Presbyterian Church courtyard and restored it in his grandmother's name; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Dick Hall liked to spend time with his many friends and family, whom he entertained with stories and jokes, and he enjoyed cruising throughout the Chesapeake Bay and along the Atlantic Coast with his wife of 60 years, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable Virginian, Dick Hall made many lasting contributions to the Eastern Shore and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Virginia; children, Elizabeth and Richard, and their families; and his numerous other family members, friends, 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 an esteemed citizen of the Eastern Shore and the Commonwealth, Richard Fuller Hall, Jr.; and, be it

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

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