

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 849

Celebrating the life of Charles Taft Peters, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 2013
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2013

WHEREAS, Charles Taft Peters, Jr., a passionate volunteer and tireless community leader in the City of Richmond, died on January 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, born in Palm Beach, Florida, on June 6, 1942, Charles Peters grew up in Ohio and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Charles Peters became a community planner for the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, helping communities throughout the Commonwealth plan for bright futures; and

WHEREAS, Charles Peters became a senior planner for the City of Richmond in 1972; he later became the chief of the Program Planning Bureau, then the director of the Department of Planning and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, Charles Peters helped design several projects that benefited the city, including the restoration of the canal system, a riverfront development initiative, the creation of the 6th Street Marketplace, and the Project One rehabilitation effort that led to the opening of the Greater Richmond Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the City of Richmond and its residents, Charles Peters guided and advocated for the city's invigoration and responsible growth until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer, Charles Peters worked to preserve Richmond's history, protect the James River, increase equal housing opportunities, and support early childhood development and education; and

WHEREAS, Charles Peters was a leader in many organizations; he was the executive director of the FRIENDS Association for Children, a founding member of the Better Housing Coalition, a trustee for the Historic Richmond Foundation, and a member of the Falls of the James Scenic Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, from his positions in city government to his efforts on the ground, Charles Peters dedicated his life to laying the foundation for a strong future in the city he loved; and

WHEREAS, happiest while trout fishing or riding one of his three motorcycles, Charles Peters was a member of the Richmond BMW Riders club and the Fly Fishers of Virginia; he had traveled over 150,000 miles on his motorcycles and had gone as far as Montana and Alaska for fishing trips; and

WHEREAS, Charles Peters will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife of 45 years, Greta; son, Charles III; and many other family members, friends, and fellow Richmond residents; 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 Charles Taft Peters, Jr., a dedicated volunteer and a proud leader in the City of Richmond; 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 Charles Taft Peters, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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