

## 2013 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 858

*Celebrating the life of Joe L. Allbritton.*

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

WHEREAS, Joe L. Allbritton, the founder of Allbritton Communications, died on December 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of D'Lo, Mississippi, Joe Allbritton was the sixth of seven children and went to work at a young age; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Joe Allbritton went on to earn a bachelor's degree and a law degree from Baylor University and served his country during World War II in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allbritton built a business empire in Houston before purchasing *The Washington Star* and several television stations in the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allbritton sold the paper a few years later, but retained ownership of the television stations, which laid the foundation for his media empire; he also spent several years in banking in the Washington, D.C., area; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allbritton supported hundreds of philanthropic, educational, and artistic institutions in the Washington Metropolitan Area and his home state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Joe Allbritton leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 45 years, Barbara; his son, Robert; grandchildren, Alex and Katherine; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 an influential businessman, Joe L. Allbritton; 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 Joe L. Allbritton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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