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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134

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Celebrating the life of V. M. Annas.

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WHEREAS, V. M. Annas, a former stockbroker and admired civic and community leader who championed the arts, died on December 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Suffolk High School, V. M. "Barney" Annas proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II and attended the Norfolk Division of The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, in his professional life as a branch manager for Southwestern Life Insurance Co. for more than two decades and as a stockbroker and officer with Merrill Lynch, Barney Annas served his clients with great skill and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Barney Annas took an active role in community affairs, supporting numerous worthy organizations such as the Norfolk Sports Club, Tidewater Heart Association, Blocker Norfolk Family YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, and International Azalea Festival; and

WHEREAS, Barney Annas also provided wise insight and guidance as a member of the boards of Old Dominion University and Virginia Wesleyan College and was an active member of the Republican Party on the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Barney Annas was a staunch advocate of the arts, serving on the boards of numerous arts organizations, as the second president of Virginians for the Arts, and as a board member of the Virginia Commission for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Barney Annas played a pivotal role in the transformation of Suffolk High School into the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, which today welcomes residents and brings together the community to enjoy a wide array of performances and events; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Barney Annas leaves behind an exemplary legacy of service to his community, the Commonwealth, and the country; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Carolyn, Barney Annas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Teresa and Carolyn, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected Virginian, V. M. Annas; 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 V. M. Annas as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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