

2013 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 348

Celebrating the life of Nicholas J. Covatta, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2013
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2013

WHEREAS, Nicholas J. Covatta, Jr., a consummate businessman from the Eastern Shore and a fervent supporter of the arts, died on November 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, born in Troy, New York, Nicholas Covatta graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University before traveling throughout the United States and the world in a variety of consulting and corporate executive positions; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Covatta built an impressive resume, holding positions as a vice president at Gulf Oil Corporation, as the executive vice president at AI International Corporation, and as a staff executive at General Electric; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Nicholas Covatta purchased the Eastern Shore Nursery of Virginia near Keller, moved to the Eastern Shore, and later cofounded Atlantis Group Incorporated in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, a man with a strong appreciation for art and architecture, Nicholas Covatta went on to restore and live at Bowman's Folly in Folly Creek, a stately old home in the American Federal style; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Covatta also became involved in theater, taking on roles in "The Nutcracker" and as Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman"; and

WHEREAS, preceded by his reputation as both an art lover and a successful businessman, Nicholas Covatta was asked to join the Virginia Commission for the Arts in 2006, and later became chair; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Covatta also shared his experience on a number of boards, including Virginians for the Arts, the North Street Playhouse, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, and the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Covatta remained a faithful alumnus of MIT, joining the MIT Educational Council and the McGovern Center for Brain Research; and

WHEREAS, serving as the treasurer for 10 years, Nicholas Covatta was a loyal member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley; and

WHEREAS, a forward-thinking man, Nicholas Covatta always worked hard to achieve the best for his family and his community; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Covatta is survived by his beloved wife, Robin Rinaca; and his daughters, Anna and Danielle; 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 astute businessman and a valued supporter of the Eastern Shore, Nicholas J. Covatta, Jr.; and, be it

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

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