

2013 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

Celebrating the life of Delbert Ralph Snyder.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2013
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2013

WHEREAS, Delbert Ralph Snyder, a respected Professional Golfers' Association of America golf instructor and the "ambassador of golf" at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, died on January 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hot Springs, Delbert Snyder began golfing at the age of eight; he assisted other golfers as a caddy at The Homestead resort in Hot Springs and later trained at The Greenbrier resort in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Delbert Snyder honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Iceland; after his military service, Delbert Snyder worked at The Greenbrier and further honed his skills as a player and coach under the resort's expert staff; and

WHEREAS, Delbert Snyder then earned the position of head golf professional at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club and became one of the resort's most respected and requested golf teachers; he was admired for his clear, comprehensive teaching methods; and

WHEREAS, contributing greatly to Williamsburg's reputation as a premier golf destination, Delbert Snyder instructed presidents, vice presidents, ambassadors, heads of state, dignitaries, corporate chief executive officers, Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA) tour players, and recreational golfers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an exemplary instructor, Delbert Snyder was an accomplished player who won numerous events; he became the oldest player to win the PGA Mid-Atlantic Section championship in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Delbert Snyder was named as the PGA 1999 Mid-Atlantic Teacher of the Year, one of *Golf Magazine's* top teachers in the 2005-2006 season, and one of the top golf instructors in the country by *Golf Digest*; and

WHEREAS, Delbert Snyder will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Sandy; daughters, Debbie and Barbara, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and fellow golfers; 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 Delbert Ralph Snyder, a renowned golf professional and friend to many in the Williamsburg area; and, be it

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

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