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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 130

Offered January 13, 2014

Celebrating the life of Richard John Savage.

Patrons—McClellan, BaCote, Brink, Bulova, Carr, Dance, Filler-Corn, Futrell, Herring, Hester, Hope, Howell, A.T., James, Joannou, Keam, Kory, Krupicka, Lewis, Lopez, Mason, McQuinn, Morrissey, Plum, Simon, Spruill, Surovell, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Watts; Senators: Barker, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Marsh, McEachin, Puckett, Puller and Saslaw

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WHEREAS, Richard John Savage, a vibrant man who took an active role in civic and community affairs in Richmond and across the Commonwealth, died on May 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rich" Savage was the founder and president of Media Directions, Inc., a 25-year-old political consulting firm based in Richmond whose clients ranged from small-town office seekers across the South to key lawmakers in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Rich Savage was a passionate and committed Democrat and willing to offer advice to any candidate, officeholder, or activist; and

WHEREAS, a mentor of young Democrats across Virginia, Rich Savage was a generous supporter of the Virginia Young Democrats and the Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Rich Savage generously donated his time and money to worthy causes throughout the Richmond area, most notably the football program at Richmond's Randolph Community Center; and

WHEREAS, aware of the many academic, social, and financial hurdles young people face as they try to build a future for themselves, Rich Savage founded the Savage Foundation to provide exceptional middle and high school students the financial resources they need to achieve excellence in the arts, academics, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, a proud father, Rich Savage will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving daughters, Katherine and Nicole; his parents; two younger brothers; and other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 outstanding citizen, Richard John Savage; 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 Richard John Savage as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.