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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 278

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*Celebrating the life of Frank J. Ottofaro, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, Frank J. Ottofaro, Sr., a respected businessman and a dedicated citizen of the City of Hampton who advocated for property rights, died on March 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Frank Ottofaro learned the value of hard work and dedication at a young age, working at various jobs to help support his family; he went on to serve his country in the United States Navy, receiving an honorable discharge after five years; and

WHEREAS, a driven entrepreneur who always worked hard to provide the best for his family, Frank Ottofaro opened Frankie's Drive-In in 1960 and Otto's Sunoco Service Center in 1968, while he was also working on tugboats on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ottofaro was known for his generosity, devoted friendship, and abiding desire to do the right thing and help others; he was an active member of the Boys and Girls Club of America, the Peninsula Sports Club, and the Hampton Moose Lodge; and

WHEREAS, a passionate advocate for property rights, Frank Ottofaro attended dozens of Hampton City Council meetings over more than a decade to stand up for his own rights and those of the members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ottofaro's courageous and determined advocacy led to statewide change in the protection of property rights, benefiting all citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ottofaro leaves behind an enduring legacy of civic engagement and deep dedication to his fellow Hampton residents; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ottofaro will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 51 years, Dora; children, Jean, Frank, Jr., Sara, and Teresa, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow members of the Hampton community; 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 Frank J. Ottofaro, Sr., a respected entrepreneur, a champion of property rights, and a great Virginian; 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 Frank J. Ottofaro, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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