

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

Celebrating the life of Robert V. Hatcher, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2014

WHEREAS, Robert V. Hatcher, Jr., a proud Virginian who rose to become the chair and chief executive officer of Johnson & Higgins, a highly venerated insurance company whose clients were some of the nation's largest corporations, died on November 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Robert Hatcher attended Thomas Jefferson High School and Hampden-Sydney College and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1953; he was stationed in South Korea for three years while serving in the United States Army Intelligence Corps; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Richmond, Robert Hatcher began his professional career in the insurance field; he was a partner in the Baker-Cockrell Agency when it was bought by Johnson & Higgins in 1968, at which time he became president of Johnson & Higgins of Virginia, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after being elected to the board of directors of the parent company, Johnson & Higgins, Robert Hatcher moved to New York in 1977 to assume responsibility as president of the large insurance firm; in 1981 he became the chair of the board and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hatcher diligently served in that position until he retired in 1990; he then returned to Virginia and built a home in Goochland County; he stayed active in retirement, lending his time and talents to many organizations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hatcher's philanthropic nature and love of history were evident in his work as a member of the board of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which owns Monticello; the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation; the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden; Hampden-Sydney College; and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a focused man who was a gifted storyteller, Robert Hatcher liked hunting, boating, reading, and antique-hunting; his many friends enjoyed and appreciated his sense of humor, generosity to others, and his philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Martha, Robert Hatcher will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Jennifer; his children, Robert III, Lloyd, and Lee, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a true son of Virginia and successful leader of the insurance industry, Robert V. Hatcher, Jr.; 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 Robert V. Hatcher, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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