

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 182

*Celebrating the life of Joe S. Ritenour.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2014  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, Joe S. Ritenour, a prominent businessman, respected attorney, and active community leader in Northern Virginia, died on June 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Loudoun County, Joe Ritenour was born in Leesburg and graduated from Loudoun County High School; he earned a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1972 and a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ritenour opened a private practice in Leesburg and served the legal needs of the community; over the years, he honorably and faithfully represented members of the community in many high-profile cases; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ritenour served the public on the County Planning Commission and as a private realtor; he assisted in the purchase and settlement of over 5,000 real estate contracts and worked to preserve the history and heritage of Northern Virginia through renovation and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an entrepreneurial spirit, Joe Ritenour owned a record label and owned and operated two successful Leesburg restaurants for many years; he was instrumental in launching *Leesburg Today*, a popular local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, earning many awards and accolades for his work to support and enhance the community, Joe Ritenour was named one of the 50 most powerful people in Northern Virginia by *New Dominion Magazine* in 1990; and

WHEREAS, admired for his keen intellect, focus, and enthusiasm, Joe Ritenour touched countless lives and was a positive force in Northern Virginia throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ritenour will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife and two children and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Joe S. Ritenour, a successful businessman, respected attorney, and pillar of the Loudoun County community; and, be it

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