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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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Celebrating the life of William Jarvie Nicoson.

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WHEREAS, William Jarvie Nicoson, a respected attorney who served as the first director of the New Communities Program with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and made many contributions to life in Reston, died on July 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, William "Bill" Nicoson earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University, where he was a member of the United States Army ROTC and spent his junior year at the Sorbonne in Paris; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson proudly served his country in the United States Army and received a law degree from Harvard Law School before embarking on a distinguished legal career with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson helped open the firm's Paris office before returning to the United States and working on Nelson Rockefeller's presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson settled in Reston when he became the first director of the New Communities Program with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bill Nicoson opened his own legal practice, becoming a respected consultant in international finance, community development, and urban governance who shared his expertise at professional conferences, in written articles, and in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, one of the founders of the *Connection* newspapers in Northern Virginia, Bill Nicoson served as publisher for many years and penned numerous columns; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson took an active role in community affairs, generously giving of his time and talents to help organize and serve on the boards and committees of numerous organizations that enhance the well-being of Reston's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson served on the board of the Reston Association; the Greater Reston Arts Center; Celebrating Special Children; the Reston Historic Trust, which he also served as president for 10 years; and Planned Community Archives, housed at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, a vital part of the development of the Reston community, Bill Nicoson was honored for his many contributions with a 2002 Best of Reston Award; and

WHEREAS, a man of many interests, Bill Nicoson loved to read, cook, play chess, and entertain friends and family with his piano playing; he was also a member of the Cosmos Club and St. Anne's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Bill Nicoson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Patricia; stepchildren, William and Mary, and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and Reston residents who continue to reap the benefits of his years of service to their community; 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 an admired citizen of Reston, William Jarvie Nicoson; and, be it

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

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