

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 99

*Celebrating the life of Robert Frederick Bondurant, M.D.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2014  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2014

WHEREAS, Robert Frederick Bondurant, M.D., a native son of Roanoke, passed away on August 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frederick Bondurant was educated in the Roanoke Public Schools system, graduated from Roanoke College, and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia, now known as the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, on September 24, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frederick Bondurant married his beloved "Ginny" on September 25, 1944, and on September 28, 1944, he reported to Portsmouth for active duty with the United States Navy and was stationed at the naval base in Oahu, Hawaii, during World War II, where he served his country valiantly and honorably; later, he was recalled to active military service in the Korean War as a physician on the aircraft carrier USS *Oriskany*; and

WHEREAS, after both wars, Robert Frederick Bondurant served as a physician at the Lewis-Gale Clinic and was elected the clinic's president on numerous occasions; he sponsored the Lewis-Gale Hospital's School of Nursing, taking great pride in the school's achievements, and retired as medical director of the Lewis-Gale Clinic in 1988; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from an illustrious career in medicine, he volunteered many hours to the Lewis-Gale Medical Foundation, which he served as president, and Robert Frederick Bondurant gave willingly of his time and talents to the Heart Association of Roanoke, of which he was a president, and to the Virginia Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime and faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Robert Frederick Bondurant served God with a committed heart and his gifts and treasure, serving as a member of the vestry for many years and twice serving as the church's senior warden; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, he was dedicated to the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and, in the late 1970s, the *Roanoke Times* named him "Father of the Year for Religious Activities"; Robert Frederick Bondurant was a chairman of the board of trustees of Virginia Episcopal School, the board of directors of Westminster-Canterbury of Lynchburg, and the board of trustees of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, where he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in appreciation for his commitment to the Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frederick Bondurant enjoyed sailing and woodworking and was an avid tennis player until age 89; he was a founder of the Virginia Inland Sailing Association and served as the association's first commodore; and

WHEREAS, Robert Frederick Bondurant, a devoted family man, skilled physician, and committed churchman will be cherished by his beloved family, friends, colleagues, and everyone whose life he touched, and happy memories of him and his generosity, great sense of humor, and valued friendship will never be forgotten; 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 Robert Frederick Bondurant, M.D.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Frederick Bondurant, M.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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