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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5130

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Celebrating the life of Edward Linscott Oast, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Edward Linscott Oast, Jr., a respected attorney and an active, patriotic member of the Portsmouth community, died on June 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Edward Oast graduated from Churchland High School and the Virginia Military Institute as a distinguished cadet; he earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University, where he served as an editor of the law review and a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, Edward Oast joined the United States Air Force, where he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for two years; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Edward Oast enjoyed a distinguished career as an attorney until his retirement as a senior partner with a prominent Norfolk firm, Williams Kelly & Greer; a respected leader in the field, he was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and served as a president of the Portsmouth-Chesapeake Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Edward Oast worked to enhance the community as a past president of the Portsmouth Rotary Club and a two-term member of the Portsmouth City Council, he enjoyed fellowship and worship as an active member of Churchland Baptist Church, offering his time and leadership as a deacon and trustee; and

WHEREAS, Edward Oast will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife of 60 years, Jean; children, Elizabeth, Carolyn, and Edward III, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Edward Linscott Oast, Jr., a distinguished attorney and admired member of the Portsmouth community; 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 Edward Linscott Oast, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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