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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5216

Offered September 16, 2014

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Leo Clyde Wardrup, Jr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Leo Clyde Wardrup, Jr., a respected businessman and a dedicated public servant who ably represented the members of the Virginia Beach community in the Virginia House of Delegates for 16 years, died on July 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., was born on September 5, 1936, in Middlesboro, Kentucky, as one of seven precocious siblings; and

WHEREAS, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy as class valedictorian; he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and selected as a Morehead Scholar, and a master's degree from George Washington University, then conducted postgraduate studies at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a strong sense of duty to his country, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., joined the United States Navy, where he rose to the rank of captain, earned a master's degree from the United States Naval War College, and shared his passion for sailing as an instructor at the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1991 and represented the residents of the 83rd District until 2007; and

WHEREAS, throughout his term in office, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., helped enact many important pieces of legislation to benefit the residents of the City of Virginia Beach and the entire Commonwealth; he offered his wisdom and expertise to the Committees on Appropriations and Rules and served as Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the House Republican Caucus; and

WHEREAS, a studious, detail-oriented, and sometimes cantankerous representative, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., was admired for his mastery of parliamentary procedure and his breadth of knowledge on important issues, and no delegate wanted to hear him stand and say, "Will the gentleman yield for a question?"; and

WHEREAS, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., served the Virginia Beach community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with his unique blend of humor, integrity, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., pursued his passion for sailing until his passing as captain and co-owner of the *Black Widow*, a 38-foot Irwin Bermuda sloop; he was active in the Broad Bay Sailing Association and was awarded Broad Bay Sailing Association Skipper of the Year in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., won 11 sailing races over the past several years and dedicated countless hours to organizing the annual Cape Charles Cup race, which he won in 2004, 2007, and 2009; in July 2014, the race was renamed as the Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his daughter, Suzannah, Leo C. Wardrup, Jr., will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Gloria; children, Ashley, Leo III, and Christopher, and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Leo Clyde Wardrup, Jr., a devoted public servant and respected businessman; 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 the Honorable Leo Clyde Wardrup, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.