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*Celebrating the life of Lorin Maazel.*

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WHEREAS, Lorin Maazel of Rappahannock County, a deeply respected conductor, composer, musician, and mentor known throughout the world for his personal mission to unite people through the joys of music, died on July 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, born in Paris, Lorin Maazel was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and began violin and conductor lessons at a young age; a musical prodigy, he made his public debut at the age of eight and toured the United States as conductor for several major symphonies at the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, during his 75-year career, Lorin Maazel conducted more than 150 orchestras in at least 5,000 concert and opera performances, including 111 concerts in 2013, and made more than 300 recordings, including complete cycles of timeless orchestral works; and

WHEREAS, Lorin Maazel demonstrated his wise leadership as a general manager or music director of opera companies and symphony orchestras in Paris, Berlin, Vienna, New York, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh, and he achieved high regard as a composer with a wide variety of works; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Lorin Maazel and his wife, Dietlinde, founded the Castleton Festival, an annual event featuring performances and training seminars at his farm in Rappahannock County; the festival highlights young talent alongside established virtuosos and offers mentorship and encouragement to young artists; and

WHEREAS, Lorin Maazel earned countless awards and accolades, including 10 Grand Prix du Disques, and he was awarded honorary titles in France, Germany, Italy, Finland, Austria, Israel, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, a true citizen of the world, Lorin Maazel spoke seven languages and viewed music as a common ground on which people of different backgrounds and cultures could share joy and peace; he was uniquely deserving of the title maestro; and

WHEREAS, Lorin Maazel will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Dietlinde; his children, Anjali, Daria, Ilann, Fiona, Orson, Leslie, and Tara, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and classical music lovers; 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 Lorin Maazel, a world-renowned conductor, composer, musician, and mentor; 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 Lorin Maazel as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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