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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 540

Offered June 11, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Thomas Tyler Potterfield.*

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WHEREAS, Thomas Tyler Potterfield of Richmond, an admired historic preservationist and dedicated city planner, died on April 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield earned a bachelor's degree from Capital University in Ohio and a master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield served his fellow Richmond residents as a Senior Preservation Planner with the City of Richmond Department of Planning and Development Review; he made countless contributions to the area, encouraging responsible growth throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield was passionate about creating new recreational opportunities for his fellow Richmond residents, particularly on the Richmond Riverfront along the James; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield worked to save and preserve historic architectural resources and structures in the City's most significant neighborhoods, such as Oregon Hill, Church Hill, and Jackson Ward; and

WHEREAS, respected for his keen intellect and deep knowledge of Central Virginia's history and culture, Tyler Potterfield extensively researched the natural and man-made features of the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield authored *Nonesuch Place: A History of the Richmond Landscape*, which traces the city's dynamic growth between 1742, when it was first incorporated as a town, and 1942, when preparation began for its first master plan; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield also enjoyed cycling, gardening, fly-fishing, and hiking, and he donated his time and leadership to community building projects; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Potterfield will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Maura Meinhardt; parents, Ruth and Thomas Potterfield, Sr., of Savannah, Georgia; sister, Elizabeth "Beth" Hiers of Destin, Florida; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Tyler Potterfield, a knowledgeable Richmond historian and hard-working city planner; 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 Thomas Tyler Potterfield as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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