

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 348

Celebrating the life of Samuel Bryan Chandler.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 12, 2015
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2015

WHEREAS, Samuel Bryan Chandler of Montross, a successful business owner, a dedicated public servant, a supporter of many civic and charitable organizations in Westmoreland County, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and father, died on September 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Bryan Chandler, who was known as Bryan, was an alumnus of The College of William and Mary and was a legacy member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; he was a prominent businessperson in the Northern Neck and was a Chevrolet dealer for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Chandler, the founder of automobile dealerships in Montross and Tappahannock, was a former member of the board of directors of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association; he served on numerous other boards, including Riverside Tappahannock Hospital and Northern Neck State Bank, which is now part of Union First Market Bank; and

WHEREAS, public service was central to Bryan Chandler's life; he was mayor of Montross and had served on the town council; he strongly supported revitalization efforts in downtown Montross; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Chandler was a director and chair of the board of the Westmoreland County Museum and was a trustee of the Westmoreland County Poor School Society, an organization founded in 1812 to provide scholarships to young people in the county who could not afford an education; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Chandler enjoyed woodworking, cared deeply about Westmoreland County and Virginia's beautiful Northern Neck; he dearly loved Lawfield, his family farm, and he greatly treasured the area's deep heritage—a place where the nation took root; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith who is remembered for his kindness, fairness, and service to his community, Bryan Chandler was a lifelong member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Montross, where he served on the vestry and was Sunday School superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Chandler will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by Carol, his wife of 46 years; their children, Louis and Brandon, and their families; and by many other family members and friends; 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 Samuel Bryan Chandler of Montross, a successful business owner, a dedicated public servant, a supporter of many civic and charitable organizations in Westmoreland County, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and father; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Samuel Bryan Chandler as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.