HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Celebrating the life of John Waller Maloney.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2016

WHEREAS, John Waller Maloney, a former journalist and financial advisor in Richmond who dedicated much of his life to serving and supporting children with autism and their families, died on April 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John Maloney attended St. Christopher's School and graduated from Collegiate School; he earned a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College and a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, John Maloney worked to inform members of the public as a journalist, writing for *Style Weekly*, the *Winchester Star*, the *Richmond News Leader*, and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*; he later switched careers to become a vice president of Wells Fargo Advisors; and

WHEREAS, as the father of a child with autism, John Maloney worked to educate members of the community at a time when the spectrum disorder was little understood; he was a tireless advocate for families with autistic children, leading efforts to extend eligibility for benefits to age 10; and

WHEREAS, John Maloney also worked with Collegiate School to establish the Open Gym, a supervised recreational program for autistic children, and with Autism Speaks in Virginia to provide insurance coverage for children and job opportunities for young adults; and

WHEREAS, John Maloney was an active member of the Country Club of Virginia and the board of the Faison School; he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, John Maloney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, John, Jr., and Mary, 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 John Waller Maloney, a passionate advocate for autistic children and their families in the Commonwealth; 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 John Waller Maloney as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.