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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable Franklin P. Hall.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Franklin P. Hall, a respected public servant who ably represented the residents of the 69th House District and offered his wise leadership as Minority Leader of the Virginia House of Delegates for many years, died on May 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Amelia Courthouse, Franklin "Frank" P. Hall earned a bachelor's degree from Lynchburg College and master's and law degrees from American University; he pursued a successful career as an attorney, establishing the firm Hall & Hall in Richmond with his wife in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hall also worked in the banking industry, serving as chair of Cardinal Savings & Loan Association and founding chair of Commonwealth Bank; he later served on the board of First Community Bank; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Frank Hall ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates; representing the residents of part of the City of Richmond and northern Chesterfield County, he held office from 1976 to 2009 and served as House Minority Leader from 2002 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his 34 years of service in the House of Delegates, Frank Hall achieved a position of seniority in the Committee on Rules and served on the Committees on Appropriations; Counties, Cities and Towns; Education; and Roads and Internal Navigation; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hall supported many important pieces of legislation for the benefit of all Virginians; he helped increase funding for public schools and highway construction, removed the sales tax from food donated to food banks, and sponsored a bill to mandate Holocaust education at all public schools in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hall worked to strengthen and enhance the community through his involvement as a member and leader of numerous civic and service organizations at the local and state levels; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Frank Hall and his wife's diligent support for the Alzheimer's Association, the Area Agency on Aging established the Frank and Phoebe Hall Humanitarian Award; they also received the Alzheimer's Advocates of the Year Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hall earned several other awards and accolades for his good work, including the 2014 Virginia Council on Economic Education Award for Outstanding Service and the 2012 Leaders in the Law Award; a man of great integrity, he served Central Virginia and the entire Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hall will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Phoebe; children, Kimberly and Franklin, Jr., and their families; and numerous other family members, 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 Franklin P. Hall, a dedicated public servant and a true Virginia gentleman; 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 Franklin P. Hall as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.