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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1080

Offered February 20, 2017

Celebrating the life of Grady Craven Frank, Jr.

Patrons—Minchew and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin and Favola

WHEREAS, Grady Craven Frank, Jr., a respected civil litigation attorney and lifelong resident of Alexandria, died on July 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank excelled at football, basketball, and baseball at Groveton High School and then continued his education at Duke University, where he graduated in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank served in the United States Army and was stationed at the Pentagon; following his military service he received a law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, for 41 years Grady Frank was an esteemed civil litigator in Northern Virginia, first practicing with Boothe Prichard & Dudley in Fairfax, and, at the time of his death, he was a name partner with Richmond-based firm Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank in its Alexandria office; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank tried hundreds of cases to verdict in state and federal courts throughout the Commonwealth and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and argued dozens of cases before the Virginia Supreme Court and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank's personable manner and strong advocacy was admired and respected by clients, adversaries, and judges alike; and

WHEREAS, a trumpet player in high school, Grady Frank loved music, and he sang vocals and played guitar in the Raggedy Grass Bluegrass band with three fellow attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank's true passion was golf, and he was a longtime member of Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, where he served on the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank was a past president of the Alexandria Bar Association and the Alexandria Symphony; and

WHEREAS, Grady Frank loved people, had a great sense of humor, and a visible joy for life; he showed a genuine interest in others and was easy to love and to be around; and

WHEREAS, a loving husband and proud father, Grady Frank will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 28 years, Beth; son, Grady, and his family; stepchildren, Lisa and Bryan, and their families; and a host of other relatives and friends; 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 Grady Craven Frank, Jr., a respected attorney and lifelong resident of Alexandria; 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 Grady Craven Frank, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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