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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1081**

Offered February 20, 2017

*Celebrating the life of William Livingston Berry.*

Patrons—Minchew and LaRock; Senators: Black, Favola and Wexton

WHEREAS, William Livingston Berry, a distinguished leader in the home development industry and a compassionate humanitarian, died on December 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oklahoma, William "Bill" Livingston Berry graduated from the University of Oklahoma and served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Bill Berry followed in his family's footsteps by pursuing a career in the oil industry in Texas; he later moved to Silver Spring, Maryland, and transitioned to a career in homebuilding; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Bill Berry founded William L. Berry & Co Inc., which became well-known for its commitment to excellence and achievements as an award-winning regional homebuilder; the company was a reflection of Bill Berry's leadership, integrity, and emphasis on customer service; and

WHEREAS, highly respected in his field, Bill Berry was a longtime member and past president of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, which recognized him as the Builder/Developer of the Year in 1985 and 1991 and presented him with the first Emil Keen Award for his outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Bill Berry also served as a past president of HomeAid, which builds houses for the homeless and victims of domestic violence, and was a proponent for the development of affordable housing as the founder of Affordable Housing Opportunity Means Everyone; and

WHEREAS, Bill Berry volunteered his time and leadership with several other civic and service organizations, including Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice, and he earned many awards and accolades for his good work; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, Bill Berry enjoyed fellowship and worship at Temple Emanuel in Kensington, Maryland, where in 1975 he served as chair of the committee responsible for adding a new sanctuary and several new classrooms to the temple; and

WHEREAS, Bill Berry will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his partner, Patricia; his children, Kim and Mark, and their families; and numerous other family members 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 William Livingston Berry; 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 William Livingston Berry as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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