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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 324

Offered January 23, 2017

Celebrating the life of Donald Fitzgerald Reilly.

Patron—James

WHEREAS, Donald Fitzgerald Reilly of Midlothian, a business leader who made countless contributions to economic development in the Commonwealth, died on January 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Donald "Don" Fitzgerald Reilly grew up in Harrisonburg and followed in his father's footsteps as a student of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), where he was a standout athlete in boxing and track and field; and

WHEREAS, Don Reilly was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Virginia Tech and served for two years as a member of the United States Merchant Marine during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Don Reilly pursued a career in human resources with General Electric; he worked in Massachusetts, Maryland, and New York then returned to the Commonwealth, earning a reputation as a loyal, team-oriented leader; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Don Reilly was recruited by the Virginia Community College System to design and implement a workforce development program to support economic development in the Commonwealth by ensuring that students received the tools and training they needed to contribute to their chosen career fields; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer and an innovator in the field of workforce development, Don Reilly worked with thousands of businesses in every region of Virginia over the course of his 30-year career, establishing partnerships with local, domestic, and international businesses; he earned many awards and accolades for his work, and he was named a Cardinal by the Virginia Economic Developers Association; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Nancy, and two children, Sharon and Michael, Don Reilly will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 48 years, Joy; children, James, Margaret, Brad, Patrick, Jacqueline, and Donald, and their families; daughter-in-law, Kim; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Donald Fitzgerald Reilly, a respected leader in business and workforce development; 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 Donald Fitzgerald Reilly as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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