

2017 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132

Commending Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 6, 2017

WHEREAS, Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., a Richmond native who has made many contributions to the Commonwealth as a businessman and a community leader, was named as a 2017 Outstanding Virginian; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Gottwald graduated from Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the University of Richmond and joined many of the other men of his generation in service to the nation as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Gottwald joined the Albemarle Paper Manufacturing Company as a chemist in 1943 and rose through the ranks to become the chair of Ethyl Corporation after its merger with Albemarle Paper in 1968, then served as chief executive officer from 1970 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Gottwald is a former director of Tredegar Corporation, the American Petroleum Institute, CSX Corporation, and the Federal Reserve Bank, as well as a former president of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the VMI Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Gottwald is a trustee emeritus of the International Game Fish Association, as well as a former trustee of the University of Richmond and member of the Board of Visitors of The College of William and Mary; he is a former trustee and a current advisory council member of the George C. Marshall Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Gottwald was elected to the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame, and he has earned many other awards and accolades, including the Medallion Award from The College of William and Mary, the Distinguished Service Award from the VMI Foundation, and the Outstanding Industrialist Award from the Science Museum of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., hereby be commended on being named as a 2017 Outstanding Virginian; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Floyd D. Gottwald, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his legacy of service to the Richmond community and the Commonwealth.

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