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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

Offered February 9, 2017

Celebrating the life of Richard W. Glover.

Patrons—Dunnavant, Chase and McClellan

WHEREAS, Richard W. Glover of Glen Allen, a consummate public servant who was the longest-serving active member of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, died on February 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Dick" Glover learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age, growing up on a farm in Victoria; he attended Victoria High School, where he was a standout athlete, then served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Dick Glover finished high school at Halifax County High School and continued his education at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Richmond Professional Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dick Glover held sales and sales management positions for several companies, then founded Toppings Personal Letter Service and RoDon Press, providing high-quality printing and direct mail services to clients throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Dick Glover was appointed to the Henrico County Planning Commission, where he began to cultivate his visionary eye for planning and development; he went on to provide his expertise to the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission and the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to his fellow Henrico County residents, Dick Glover ran for and was elected to the Henrico County Board of Supervisors in 1987; he ably represented the Brookland District for more than 32 years, serving as chair six times and vice chair four times; and

WHEREAS, encouraging responsible growth, Dick Glover played a pivotal role in preserving the historic Mountain Road corridor and worked hard to ensure the safety and quality of new residential and commercial developments in the Brookland District; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest achievements, Dick Glover oversaw the creation of the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, Glen Allen Stadium at RF&P Park, Greenwood Park, and the Glen Allen and Libbie Mill public libraries and oversaw the development of the Shops at Willow Lawn; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful, responsive, and highly professional leader, Dick Glover served the Brookland District with the utmost dedication and distinction and helped to make Henrico County a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Dick Glover embodied the stability of Henrico County's leadership, and he represented the county before regional, state, and national organizations, such as the Virginia Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, a devoted advocate for youth athletics in Henrico County, Dick Glover was a life member and a hall of fame inductee of the Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association; in addition, he was a life member of the Hermitage High School Band and Auxiliary Boosters; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, Dick Glover enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, where he supported the television ministry with his natural charisma and boundless enthusiasm for the community; and

WHEREAS, Dick Glover will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 59 years, Joan; children, Jerry, Donna, Karen, and Joe, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard W. Glover, a respected public servant and community leader in Henrico County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Richard W. Glover as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.