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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

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*Celebrating the life of Murray K. Carton.*

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WHEREAS, Murray K. Carton, a beloved father, respected business owner, and dedicated volunteer at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond, died on January 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Richmond resident, Murray Carton spent over 30 years as the owner of a parking lot located on the corner of First and Grace Streets in the city's downtown; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement in 1998, Murray Carton followed the advice of a friend and began volunteering at the newly opened Virginia Holocaust Museum (VHM); and

WHEREAS, during the VHM's early days, Murray Carton gave generously of his time by answering phones and scheduling and leading tours; he eventually became the museum's trusted receptionist; and

WHEREAS, utterly devoted to preserving the history of the Holocaust, Murray Carton worked at the VHM every day of the week for over a decade, often staying from morning until night; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1999, Murray Carton played a key role in the VHM's Penny Campaign, a project to collect pennies to memorialize each of the victims of the Holocaust; as part of his involvement, he personally counted some five million pennies; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his service to the VHM, Murray Carton logged roughly 40,000 volunteer hours; in 2005, he was honored with an award for having the most volunteer hours in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his commitment to the VHM, Murray Carton was a man of strong Jewish faith who was a longtime member of Temple Beth-El in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Mildred, Murray Carton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Esther and Manny, and their families; his stepchildren, Izzy, Debbie, Terry, Patty, and Mark; and many 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 Murray K. Carton, a committed volunteer who aided the Virginia Holocaust Museum for many years; 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 Murray K. Carton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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