

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

Celebrating the life of Murray K. Carton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

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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