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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146

Offered March 5, 2018

Celebrating the life of L.M. Gerald.

Patron—Head

WHEREAS, L.M. Gerald, an exceptional horseman who served as head coach of the Hollins University riding team, died on April 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Louisiana, L.M. "Sandy" Gerald graduated from Louisiana State University and spent his early career as a laboratory scientist in Northern Virginia; after taking up horseback riding in his 20s, he developed a thorough understanding of horses and show jumping; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Gerald began his riding career as a trainer before opening his own equestrian school in Aldie, Virginia; he later served as coach of the equestrian teams at Southern Virginia University and Washington and Lee University; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Sandy Gerald became head coach of the riding team at Hollins University; he remained in the position until his death, training countless young riders and winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference coach of the year award on seven different occasions; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Gerald was active in equestrian organizations across the Commonwealth; at the time of his death, he was president of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone 4, Region 2, and he previously served as president of the Virginia Horse Show Association and the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Gerald's wide-ranging skills also saw him serve as hunter/jumper manager of the Roanoke Valley Horse Show and as an "R" judge, course designer, and horse show manager for the United States Equestrian Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Gerald was the two-time Virginia Horse Show Association Horseman of the Year and a past winner of the organization's Susan H. Hagan Memorial Trophy and Andrew M. Montgomery Award; he was inducted into the halls of fame of the Virginia Horse Show Association, the Roanoke Valley Horse Show, and the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association; and

WHEREAS, known for his quiet, gentlemanly demeanor, Sandy Gerald had a love of reading and enjoyed attending ballets and operas; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Gerald will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his family, friends, and countless members of the Hollins University community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of L.M. Gerald, an accomplished equestrian and respected coach of the Hollins University riding team; 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 L.M. Gerald as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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