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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 178

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Celebrating the life of George Francis Maida.

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WHEREAS, George Francis Maida of Henrico County, a talented musician and radio host who introduced unique musical genres to a loyal following in the Richmond area, died on December 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, George Maida relocated to Richmond from Queens, New York, and worked for Hohner, Inc., a musical instrument manufacturer; he got his start in the radio business after he met an announcer for WRFK while working as a contract painter; and

WHEREAS, George Maida worked for WRFK and later WCVE, a public radio station serving Richmond and Petersburg, for more than 30 years; his most popular show, *The Electric Croude*, premiered in 1985; and

WHEREAS, named for a Celtic instrument and featuring Anglo-Celtic music, *The Electric Croude* was known for its signature background sound, a cricket, and including unique historical facts about musicians and their instruments; George Maida later expanded the show's repertoire with folk, progressive, and alternative rock music; and

WHEREAS, George Maida also hosted *Classical Evenings*, a weeknight show featuring classical music, and he was a songwriter and guitar player who performed with the band The Electric Croude; and

WHEREAS, George Maida will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Francis Maida, who made many contributions to the Richmond community as a musician and radio host; 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 George Francis Maida as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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