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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

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Celebrating the life of Robert C. King, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Robert C. King, Sr., who served the Richmond community as an automobile dealer and an active member of Rotary International, died on September 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Robert "Bob" C. King, Sr., began to cultivate his love of cars at a young age while working at his father's Ford dealership; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, Bob King joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Navy Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Bob King studied at Duke University and the University of Virginia, then returned to Richmond Ford as a salesman in 1947; he went on to become president in 1963 and served as chair and chief executive officer from 1974 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bob King then served as chair of Moore Cadillac and Subaru of Richmond until the time of his passing; over the course of his nearly 76-year career, he gained an encyclopedic knowledge of the Richmond automobile business and was greatly admired by his peers in the industry, serving as a past president of the West Richmond Businessmen's Association and director of AAA of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Bob King also offered his leadership and wisdom to numerous civic and service organizations, particularly the Rotary Club of Richmond, where he relished the opportunity to work with other businessmen, doctors, lawyers, and other people from all walks of life to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 67-year membership in the Rotary Club of Richmond, Bob King achieved a world record with 3,511 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance; he was an honorary member of a club in Texas and attended Rotary meetings as far away as Helsinki, Finland; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by two children, Cabell and Roxane, Bob King will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Dana; his children, Robert, Jr., Kirk, Clay, Bruce, and Melissa, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert C. King, Sr., a respected businessman in the Richmond community; 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 Robert C. King, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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