

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Celebrating the life of Mayer A. Sarfan.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

WHEREAS, Mayer A. Sarfan, a respected attorney, a generous community leader, and a proud lifelong resident of Newport News, died on October 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, while attending Newport News High School, Mayer Sarfan worked at Newport News Shipbuilding, gaining an appreciation for the value of hard work and dedication during his formative years; and

WHEREAS, Mayer Sarfan earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia, then served the nation as a member of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command; and

WHEREAS, Mayer Sarfan returned to Newport News as a founding partner at Sarfan & Nachman and worked as an attorney and a land developer in the area for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayer Sarfan played a crucial role in the establishment of the preschool program at the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula; he was also a major fundraiser for the resettlement of the Soviet Jewry and a lifetime supporter of Rodef Sholom Temple; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the first president of Mercury 64 Kiwanis Club and as a 33rd degree Mason with Bremond Lodge 241 AF & AM, Mayer Sarfan generously supported several museums and charitable organizations on the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Mayer Sarfan offered his wise leadership to Christopher Newport University and was a Scout Master for two Boy Scouts of America troops, having earned the coveted rank of Eagle Scout in his youth; and

WHEREAS, Mayer Sarfan's beloved wife of 62 years, Dorene, died on December 22, 2017; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sons, Gary, William, Lonny, Randall, and Edward, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mayer A. Sarfan, a pillar of the Newport News 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 Mayer A. Sarfan as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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