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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 61

Offered January 10, 2018

Celebrating the life of Dennis Patrick Mullins.

Patrons—Cosgrove, Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Dance, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, Vogel, Wagner and Wexton

WHEREAS, Dennis Patrick Mullins of Louisa County, an accomplished equine insurance broker and an influential former chair of the Republican Party of Virginia, died on May 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia, Dennis "Pat" Mullins earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a law degree from the George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Pat Mullins enjoyed a long career as one of the top equine insurance brokers in the United States, achieving the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation; in the 1980s, he co-founded Best Insurance Company in Annandale and later founded Mullins and Associates; and

WHEREAS, Mullins and Associates was eventually acquired by the Rhulen Agency, and Pat Mullins finished his career with the Markel Corporation after it had acquired the equine division of the Rhulen Agency; and

WHEREAS, Pat Mullins was active in civic life in the Commonwealth for many years, volunteering his time and wise leadership with several local organizations; in 1990, he was elected chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee and helped the Republican Party win a majority on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1991; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Louisa County, Pat Mullins served as chair of the Louisa County Republican Committee from 2008 to 2009, when he was elected as chair of the Republican Party of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader, Pat Mullins helped grow and support the Republican Party during his tenure as chair; he was a trusted mentor and friend to candidates and sitting public servants throughout the Commonwealth until his retirement in 2015; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Jackie, Pat Mullins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Cathy, Steve, Mike, and Debbie, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dennis Patrick Mullins, a successful equine insurance broker and a former chair of the Republican Party of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dennis Patrick Mullins as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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