SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

Celebrating the life of Louis Edwin Graziano.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Louis Edwin Graziano, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a respected business leader and Richmond resident, died on February 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Highland Falls, New York, Louis "Ed" Graziano became known for his larger than life personality at a young age and later attended Cortland State Teachers College; during his time there, he met his future wife Kathy Coleman and proposed to her on their second date; and

WHEREAS, after working as a teacher, Ed Graziano forged a successful career in the world of corporate insurance, including 36 years with the brokerage firm Johnson & Higgins; he later opened his own consulting business before retiring in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ed Graziano reveled in spending time with his wife, children, and nine grandchildren; for over 30 years, he ensured that his family gathered each Sunday night to share dinner and play backyard sports and games; and

WHEREAS, Ed Graziano had many passions, including reading, music, golf, skeet shooting, card games, and watching baseball; an avid traveler, he made numerous trips abroad and hosted a beach week for his family each year; and

WHEREAS, known for his intellect, wit, charm, and humor, Ed Graziano was fiercely loyal to those he loved and lived each day to its fullest; and

WHEREAS, Ed Graziano will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of nearly 55 years, Kathy; his children, John, Tommy, David, and Lucia, and their families; and numerous other family members and close friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Louis Edwin Graziano, a distinguished business leader and beloved Richmond resident; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Louis Edwin Graziano as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.