

2018 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Celebrating the life of John D. Miller, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, John D. Miller, Jr., a dedicated public servant who made many contributions to the residents of Middlesex County during his 23 years as a member of the Board of Supervisors, died on February 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Middlesex County, John "Jack" Miller can trace his family lineage in the county back to 1680; he attended Middlesex High School and graduated from Rappahannock Community College; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller served his country as a member of the United States Coast Guard and was employed at the West Point paper mill for many years, until his well-earned retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller first served his fellow Middlesex County residents on the Middlesex County School Board from 1987 to 1991, including a term as chair; he also served on the Virginia School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller was elected to the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors in 1995 and represented the residents of the Saluda District and the Harmony Village District over the course of his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller became the first politician in United States history to be elected to office with an artificial heart and to serve while waiting for a heart transplant; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller was selected to serve as chair or vice chair multiple times during his tenure, and he oversaw the planning and construction of Middlesex Elementary School, the extensive renovation of Middlesex High School, the renovation of the Middlesex County Courthouse, and the establishment of enhanced 911 and radio systems for emergency workers; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors, Jack Miller was instrumental in developing the association's strategic plan, enhancing its educational programs, and establishing the Virginia Investment Pool; he was elected president of the organization in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller also demonstrated his commitment to civic participation and leadership as a member of numerous community boards and committees, including the Middle Peninsula Community Criminal Justice Board, Disability Services Board, Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board, Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Middlesex Planning Commission, Middlesex Public Library Board, Airport Committee, and Bicentennial Committee, which produced a book on the history of Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller fostered cooperation and mutual respect among local leaders for the good of all residents, serving Middlesex County and the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Jack Miller will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 50 years, Mary Lou; his daughters, Connie and Chris, and their families; and numerous family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of John D. Miller, Jr., a respected public servant in Middlesex County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John D. Miller, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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