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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70**

Offered March 8, 2018

Celebrating the life of Kermit Marshall Cook.

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WHEREAS, Kermit Marshall Cook, a beloved husband and father and a respected attorney who expertly advanced the development of health care law in Virginia, died on April 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a Farmville native, Marshall Cook attended Prince Edward Academy and earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Richmond, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and as a Williams Law Scholar; and

WHEREAS, prior to starting his own private law practice, Marshall Cook was a partner at the law firm of Hirschler Fleischer and served as general counsel to the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, and the Virginia Chiropractic Association; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1993, Marshall Cook served the Commonwealth as deputy attorney general, during which time he led the Commonwealth's efforts to pass legislation that has subsequently allowed free health care clinics to flourish both in the Commonwealth and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Cook's legal accomplishments made an indelible mark on health care law in the Commonwealth and won him the respect and admiration of the Virginia State Bar; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Marshall Cook served as a deacon at Second Baptist Church in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Marshall Cook will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his devoted wife of 42 years, Sallie Hart Stone Cook; his three beloved daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Susan; his five beloved grandchildren; and countless other family members, friends, colleagues, and Virginia citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Kermit Marshall Cook, a respected attorney who tirelessly served the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

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