

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Celebrating the life of John M. Cornman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, John M. Cornman, a respected intellectual and a passionate advocate for affordable housing who touched countless lives in the Arlington County community, died on June 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Philadelphia, John "Jack" M. Cornman graduated from The Haverford School and Dartmouth College, then began his professional career in journalism, serving as city editor of the *Daily Local News* in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Jack Cornman relocated to Washington, D.C., as a Congressional Fellow with the American Political Science Association, then subsequently worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide, speech writer, and press secretary for two United States senators; and

WHEREAS, Jack Cornman went on to serve as executive director of the Gerontological Society of America, the oldest and largest multidisciplinary research organization dedicated to the study of aging, and the American Anthropological Association; he coauthored two books and several articles on ethical and societal issues related to aging, health care, and intergenerational relations; and

WHEREAS, Jack Cornman worked diligently to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Arlington County residents; in 1996, he founded a consulting firm specializing in planning and fundraising for nonprofit corporations and, in 2003, the Alliance for Housing Solutions in Arlington, which provides research and advocacy for affordable housing in the region; and

WHEREAS, Jack Cornman was an inspiration to his fellow community leaders and a trusted mentor to members of the Arlington County Board and other local officials; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Jack Cornman received the James B. Hunter III Community Hero Award for his tireless activism and leadership in a wide range of local organizations, including the Arlington New Directions Coalition, Arlington Area Agency on Aging, Hospice of Northern Virginia, and Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his son, Geoffrey, Jack Cornman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Donna; his children, Jennifer and Whitney, and their families; his son Geoffrey's family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of John M. Cornman, a highly admired civic activist in Arlington County; 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 John M. Cornman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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