2019 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 741

Celebrating the life of Franklin E. Laughon.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 28, 2019 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Franklin E. Laughon, a successful businessman and a respected leader in the Richmond community, died on November 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Franklin E. "Pepper" Laughon grew up in Richmond, where he attended St. Christopher's School and Thomas Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, Pepper Laughon continued his education at Randolph-Macon College, then served his country for two years as a photographer for the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after returning home to the Commonwealth, Pepper Laughon pursued a career in business, becoming president and chief executive officer of Richmond Cold Storage; he was inducted into the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Pepper Laughon also supported the community by volunteering his time and leadership with Kiwanis International, BB&T Bank, the Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital, and Rubicon, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of Randolph-Macon College, Pepper Laughon served on the institution's Board of Trustees, where he was active with the athletics and student affairs committees and the Greek alumni advisory board; and

WHEREAS, Pepper Laughon will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 56 years, Stuart; his daughters, Catherine and Page, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Franklin E. Laughon, a businessman who strengthened the Richmond community through his generosity and civic leadership; 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 Franklin E. Laughon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.