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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 923

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Celebrating the life of Lou Dean.

Patrons—Rodman, Adams, D.M., Carr, Cole, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Ingram, Kory, Rasoul, Reid, Sullivan and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Ebbin, Edwards, Howell, McPike and Spruill

WHEREAS, Lou Dean, longtime Richmond radio personality and communications professional, died on January 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Lou Dean graduated from the University of Chicago and served in the United States Army; his first radio job in Richmond was as host and producer of WRVA's All-Night Show, a music program from 1957 to 1977; he also hosted and produced WRVA's call-in program, Viewpoint, from 1978 to 1982 and the WRVA Newsroom program from 1990 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, a program director at WRVA from 1982 to 1986, Lou Dean was in charge of a 15-person department, supervising and scheduling announcers, commercial production staff, creative staff, and all programs; as manager of community services from 1986 to 1990, he was responsible for representing WRVA to the public at a wide variety of events; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from WRVA, Lou Dean worked in the public relations and media department of Henrico County and was very involved in the Virginia Voice audio reading program, producing original content on a variety of topics; and

WHEREAS, Lou Dean was known as a voice of the community, remembered for being the master of ceremonies for the Festival of the Arts at Dogwood Dell each summer, as well as lending his voice to Richmond International Airport's public address system, the Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau highway radio stations, and the Science Museum of Virginia Planetarium & Space Theater; and

WHEREAS, for his years of service, Lou Dean received numerous awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Richmond Association of Broadcasters and the George Bowles Award for Distinguished Performance in Broadcast News from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters; he was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Lou Dean offered his leadership to numerous organizations and boards including the Science Museum of Virginia, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Richmond Region Tourism, the Richmond First Club, the Virginia Division of the American Cancer Society, the Carillon Advisory Commission, the Swift Creek Mill Theatre, the Maymont Foundation, the Boys Club of Richmond, the Richmond Emergency Planning Commission, the Virginia Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Virginia Retail Merchants Association, the Richmond Police Memorial Foundation, the Greater Richmond St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, and the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 180; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Sandra, Lou Dean will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his stepdaughter, Katy, and her 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 Lou Dean, longtime Richmond radio personality and communications professional; 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 Lou Dean as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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