

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 317

*Celebrating the life of Douglas Ronald Fahl.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 24, 2019  
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2019

WHEREAS, Douglas Ronald Fahl of Leesburg, a highly admired expert in engineering and community planning who touched countless lives through his professional achievements and generous volunteer leadership, died on August 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Douglas "Doug" Fahl was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Alexandria, where he graduated from Hammond High School, then earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl began his professional career in the Fairfax County Planning Office, rising to become the chief of transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl joined the engineering firm of Dewberry, Nealon, and Davis in 1970 as the director of the Planning and Landscape Architectural Division and was later selected as managing principal of the firm's newly created Land Design and Survey Division; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl served as the executive vice-president of the Dewberry Consulting Division, where he assisted the firm with industry, government, and community relations in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl formed D.R. Fahl Consulting in 2014 to continue his work in public policy and advocacy in the areas of transportation, land development, housing, and associated regulatory processes in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl served the Commonwealth on several boards and commissions, including the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Housing and Development Authority, the Virginia Industrial Development Services Advisory Board, the Board of Housing and Community Development, the Board of Visitors of Virginia Tech, and the Technical Committee of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl served as secretary and legislative chair of the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, as well as president of its Fairfax Chapter, where he was named both Associate of the Year and Builder of the Year and received the Emil Keen Award for lifetime achievement; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl chaired the Home Builders Association of Virginia's Educational Foundation, where he was named Associate of the Year and was inducted into the Home Builders Association of Virginia's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Doug Fahl developed a professional reputation as a well-respected and trusted expert in the fields of planning, landscape architecture, land design and survey, and land-use law and was universally respected as an individual of great integrity and expertise in his fields; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl had tireless positive energy and was a passionate force for good, with a great sense of humor, a sharp intellect, and a quick wit that led to his many successes over his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Doug Fahl tried to always look for and expected the best in others, and he in turn wanted to give his best to whatever activity in which he was involved; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Donna, Doug Fahl will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Laurie; his daughter, Julie, and her family; his sister, Renee, and her family; and numerous others who knew him as a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and friend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Douglas Ronald Fahl, a respected and dedicated professional in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Douglas Ronald Fahl as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.