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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 349

Offered January 31, 2019

Celebrating the life of Edward Brown Snyder.

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WHEREAS, Edward Brown Snyder, a successful entrepreneur and a national leader in the automotive industry who worked tirelessly to strengthen and promote the Hampton Roads community, died on October 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Edward "Ed" Snyder attended the University of Virginia and New York University, then served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; he met his wife, Jean, while stationed in England, and the couple went on to become accomplished world travelers, visiting more than 100 countries together; and

WHEREAS, Ed Snyder followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather as a businessman, opening Checkered Flag Motor Car Company in 1964; under his leadership, the company grew to become one of the largest import dealers in Virginia with 10 franchises and hundreds of fulltime employees; and

WHEREAS, Ed Snyder treated his employees with the utmost respect and was committed to exceptional customer service; he meticulously landscaped his dealerships to help beautify the community, earning many awards from the Garden Club of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as president of the Tidewater Automobile Dealers Association, Ed Snyder was recruited by the National Automobile Dealers Association to form the Honda National Dealer Council and served on several other National Dealer Councils for imported brands; and

WHEREAS, Ed Snyder also served the Hampton Roads community as the founding chair of the DePaul Health Foundation, a founding member of the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Museum, and an active leader in many other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, earning many awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements, Ed Snyder was named King Neptune of the Neptune Festival in 1992, First Citizen of Virginia Beach in 1996, and *Time* magazine's Quality Auto Dealer of the Year in Virginia in 1999; and

WHEREAS, above all, Ed Snyder promoted a strong sense of community in Hampton Roads, making it his personal mission to build a unity of purpose that would elevate the region culturally and economically; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Jean, Ed Snyder will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Susan, Robin, Stephen, Kate, and Tammy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Edward Brown Snyder; and, be it

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

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