

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 412

Celebrating the life of Kevin Glenn Wade.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Kevin Glenn Wade of Middlesex County, a successful entrepreneur and a respected leader in Virginia's seafood industry, died on January 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Kevin Wade experienced several medical challenges in his youth but never let his circumstances keep him from achieving his goals, developing a strong resolve that would serve him well throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade moved to Deltaville in 1972 after his family purchased Taylor's Restaurant; he learned the restaurant trade from his father, gaining an appreciation for the importance of hard work and responsibility at a young age; in 1982, he cofounded J&W Seafood in Deltaville; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade met the love of his life, Susan Schultz, while he was attending York Academy, and the couple were married in 1984; together they overcame many challenges to help grow J&W Seafood into a world-class seafood processor and retail business; and

WHEREAS, under Kevin Wade's leadership, J&W Seafood earned a reputation for offering the freshest, highest-quality Chesapeake Bay seafood, and it was selected as the only company from Virginia to represent the United States at the Outbound Seafood Trade Mission to Canada; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade also acquired Island Seafood Company and had recently launched an initiative to start an oyster farm; he was highly admired in the industry for his vision, knowledge, and commitment to balancing the needs of the community with strategies for growing and harvesting seafood; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade was a member of the Virginia Seafood Council and the Blue Crab and Shellfish Committees of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, as well as a member of the Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade gave generously of his time and leadership in the community, and he was a trusted mentor to the young people who worked in his store, offering advice, emotional support, and assistance when needed; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Wade will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Susan, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Kevin Glenn Wade; and, be it

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