

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Celebrating the life of Alan Bruce Wambold.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Alan Bruce Wambold, who retired as a senior research associate with the Finance and Government Section of the Division of Legislative Services after 40 years of meritorious service to the Commonwealth, died on October 29, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Alan Wambold earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was an esteemed member of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, then worked and studied in affiliation with the law faculty of the University of Belgrade in Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, a keen student of the complexities of history, government, and international affairs, Alan Wambold studied the Serbo-Croatian language at the Institut za Strane Jezike in Belgrade and traveled extensively in Eastern Europe; upon returning to the United States, he earned a doctorate in government from the University of Virginia and published *The National Question and the Evolution of the Yugoslav Constitution, 1971-1974*; and

WHEREAS, Alan Wambold worked as a long-term substitute teacher for Norfolk Public Schools; desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, he began a long and successful career in state government with the Division of Legislative Services in August 1975; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, Alan Wambold staffed the Senate Committee on Rules and the House and Senate Committees on General Laws; he later staffed the House Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation (now Transportation) and the Senate Committee on Transportation; and

WHEREAS, respected and highly regarded among his peers for his insights and acumen, Alan Wambold was at one time the only member of the Finance and Government Section assigned full-time to the transportation team, responsible for all research and legislative drafting related to transportation; and

WHEREAS, during Alan Wambold's tenure, he witnessed several milestones, including the establishment and expansion of the Washington Metro, the opening of the second tube of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, the creation of the Northern Virginia Transportation District, and the construction of the Dulles Toll Road Extension, as well as numerous other enhancements to the Commonwealth's 57,867-mile highway system and other transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Alan Wambold developed a wealth of institutional knowledge related to motor vehicles and the Commonwealth's highways, railways, waterways, airports, and public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Alan Wambold led the Code Commission's revision and recodification of Title 46.1 of the Code of Virginia, removing ambiguities, simplifying language and structure, and generally improving the clarity of laws related to motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, faithfully serving and advising the members of the General Assembly in the course of his duties, Alan Wambold prepared *A Legislator's Guide to Transportation in Virginia*, a comprehensive guide to transportation and highway issues in the Commonwealth, which was published in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 and 2014, Alan Wambold led the team that produced the successful revision and recodification of Title 33.1 of the Code of Virginia, enhancing the structure, clarity, and organization of laws related to highways, bridges, ferries, rail and public transportation, transportation funding, and local and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, Alan Wambold's personal integrity, commitment to public service, and professional contributions helped ensure the good and efficient functioning of state government and enabled the General Assembly to better serve the residents of and visitors to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Alan Wambold will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Alan Bruce Wambold; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Alan Bruce Wambold as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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