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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 249

Offered February 18, 2020

*Celebrating the life of Michael E.G. Kirby.*

Patrons—Batten; Senator: Norment

WHEREAS, Michael E.G. Kirby, an accomplished advertising executive, esteemed arts advocate, and cherished member of the Williamsburg community, died on November 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in London in 1932, Michael Kirby served in the Essex Regiment and the Honourable Artillery Company Reserve Regiment of the British Army from 1952 to 1956 before emigrating to the United States in 1958; and

WHEREAS, initially residing in San Francisco, California, Michael Kirby moved to New York, New York, in the 1960s with advertising agency Young & Rubicam; he would ultimately conclude his advertising career in 1992, having reached the position of worldwide director of strategic advertising and promotion for the Xerox Corporation in Stamford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, retiring to Williamsburg in 1994, Michael Kirby quickly became an active and engaged member of his new community; chiefly, he served Twentieth Century Gallery, now the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center, as president for 12 years, promoting the careers of countless local, regional, and national artists; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kirby's civic engagement included memberships with both the Williamsburg-James City County Republican Committee and the Colonial Area Republican Men's Association, as well as involvement in his retirement community, WindsorMeade of Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kirby will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his beloved wife, Juliet; his children, Angela, Caroline, Belinda, and Justin; 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 Michael E.G. Kirby, a treasured member of the Williamsburg community who touched the lives of many; 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 Michael E.G. Kirby as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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