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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 300

Offered February 21, 2020

Celebrating the life of Ashton Daniel Mitchell III.

Patrons—Fowler and Ware; Senator: McDougale

WHEREAS, Ashton Daniel Mitchell III, a highly respected insurance and association management professional in Richmond, died on December 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ashton "Danny" Mitchell III, was the oldest of six children born to Pauline Allen Mitchell and the late Ashton D. Mitchell, Jr., of Powhatan; raised in the countryside with the mighty James River in his back yard, Danny Mitchell graduated from Huguenot Academy in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1975, where he studied religion and philosophy, played rugby, hosted a Sunday morning radio show, and was president of Theta Chi fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell remained actively involved with Hampden-Sydney College throughout his life, attending many special events, especially homecomings and football games against Randolph-Macon College; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Nu Chapter of the Theta Chi fraternity, Danny Mitchell was a proud member of a group known only as the "Old Farts," which accepted him despite being their youngest member at annual events for many years; and

WHEREAS, some of Danny Mitchell's early jobs included assistant to artist and stonemason Julian Binford at what is now The Foundry Golf Club, trophy engraver at Schwarzschild's, and lifeguard at Salisbury Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell began his career in the private-sector insurance industry in 1975, with Julius Strauss & Sons, Inc.; Hilb Rogal & Hamilton, Inc.; and Robins Insurance Agency, Inc.; he chaired his trade organization's Government Relations Committee and was president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Richmond, receiving its Young Agent of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell later founded an advertising agency and managed a number of associations through Mitchell Management and Marketing before joining the Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia as vice president for business development; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell was an advocate for continuing professional education, earning designations as an Accredited Advisor in Insurance and an Accredited Advisor in Insurance Management; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell taught a variety of popular continuing education classes throughout the Commonwealth in which he injected quick wit and dry humor into discussions about property and casualty insurance; and

WHEREAS, Danny Mitchell was also heavily involved with the Virginia Society for Association Executives, serving on its board of directors and informally as the association greeter; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith and spirituality, above all, Danny Mitchell was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle, father, and "Papa" to many; he will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and ability to make those around him laugh, often at themselves; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved grandson, Sammy Spott, Danny Mitchell is survived by his wife of 37 years, Linda; and their four children, Billy Spott (Donia), Nicole Midulla (Sal), Jennifer Spott (Andrew), and Ashton Mitchell (Rebecca); grandchildren Maia Overby (TJ), Ethan Spott, Zachary Midulla (Kayla), Grayson Midulla, Taylor Stewart (Dominic), Alexis Locklear, Grace Locklear, Emma Grace Mitchell; and great-children, Olive and Angel; 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 Ashton Daniel Mitchell III, an esteemed educator, insurance and association management professional, and a true friend 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 Ashton Daniel Mitchell III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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