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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 316

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*Celebrating the life of John C. Beyer.*

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WHEREAS, John C. Beyer of Great Falls, a respected economist, consultant, and philanthropist who touched many lives during his long and successful career, died on January 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, John Beyer graduated from the University of the Pacific with highest honors and went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, John Beyer joined the international firm Nathan Associates in Washington, D.C., where he worked as a consultant, economist, and expert witness and ultimately served as chief executive officer for three decades; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 45-year career with Nathan Associates, John Beyer guided the application of economics to domestic and international problem solving and conflict resolution and developed a keen understanding of the impacts of structural adjustment, foreign exchange, and trade liberalization, as well as changes in pricing, taxes, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, as an expert witness, John Beyer provided critical testimony for international antitrust cases on a wide range of subjects and estimated damages related to violations of patent law; his assessment of damages for individuals subjected to forced labor in Nazi Germany during World War II was used in negotiations between survivors and German corporations; and

WHEREAS, John Beyer shared his knowledge with many other organizations, working at the Ford Foundation, serving as a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, and teaching economics at American University; and

WHEREAS, John Beyer offered his leadership to the board of Five Talents, a charitable organization that helps impoverished people better support their families and communities through savings programs, financial literacy education, business training, and other forms of economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, John Beyer's legacy lives on at his alma mater the University of the Pacific, where he created a myriad of opportunities for students and faculty by establishing the John C. Beyer Chair in Economics, the Nathan Scholars Experiential Learning Endowment, and the John Beyer Endowed Fellowship in Economics; and

WHEREAS, John Beyer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Jinny; his children, Sean, Darren, and Kiran, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 John C. Beyer; 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 John C. Beyer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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