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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 356

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Celebrating the life of Sidney Buford Scott.

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WHEREAS, Sidney Buford Scott, business leader and major philanthropist in the Richmond community, died on September 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Buford Scott graduated from the University of Virginia in 1955 and, after a brief stint serving with the United States Army's Counterintelligence Corps, began a long and successful career as a financial broker, helping countless individuals grow their wealth and investments; and

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Buford Scott worked for the brokerage firm now named BB&T Scott & Stringfellow, a company founded by his grandfather in 1893; he started on the ground floor in 1958, working as a board boy to assist the firm's brokers, and would rise to the position of chairman in 1974, a position he would hold until becoming chairman emeritus in 2018; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Buford Scott dedicated his time and resources to improving the lives of young people; his primary initiative was Elk Hill Farm, which he founded in 1970 to provide education and residence to children in need; today, the organization serves nearly 700 children annually; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for the power of education to create opportunity, Buford Scott was instrumental in founding the Virginia Council on Economic Education, an organization that advises primary and secondary education teachers on strategies for teaching financial literacy in the classroom, and supported programs such as the Virginia Mentoring Partnership and the Micah Initiative, which provides volunteer tutors to Richmond Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, active in many other facets of the community, Buford Scott provided overwhelming support to ventures such as the American Civil War Museum and Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Buford Scott provided his wisdom and expertise to several institutions over his lifetime, serving the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors for 11 years; the University of Virginia Board of Visitors, his alma mater, for seven years; and for the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his numerous achievements and unflagging support of Richmond, Buford Scott was named to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Person of the Year Hall of Fame in 2016; and

WHEREAS, at one point contemplating becoming a priest, faith was always an integral part of Buford Scott's life; for many years, he enjoyed fellowship and worship as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond, drawing inspiration for a life of good deeds; and

WHEREAS, Buford Scott will be dearly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Susan; his children, Sidney, Jr., George, and Elizabeth, and their families; 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 Sidney Buford Scott, giant of the Richmond business community and hero to 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 Sidney Buford Scott as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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