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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 359

Offered February 27, 2020

Celebrating the life of James Ronald Schroeder, DDS.

Patrons—Carr, Adams, D.M., McQuinn and Willett; Senators: Hashmi and McClellan

WHEREAS, James Ronald Schroeder, DDS, a trusted dentist and an active community leader who touched countless lives in Richmond, died on January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chicago, James Schroeder inherited his lifelong passion for service to others from his mother, a nurse, and his father, a police officer; and

WHEREAS, James Schroeder graduated from Taft High School in Chicago, Luther College in Iowa, and the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, after completing his dental residency at the University of Virginia, James Schroeder opened a private practice in Richmond, where he served patients for more than 40 years and increased access to dental care for patients with special needs; and

WHEREAS, James Schroeder advanced the dental profession through his work as a cofounder of CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, a longtime adjunct faculty member at Virginia Commonwealth University, and a frequent contributor to *Virginia Dental Journal*; and

WHEREAS, later in life, James Schroeder established the consulting firm Leadership by Design and was sought after for his wisdom and insights; he organized a group of talented dentists under Central Virginia Dental Care, PLC; and

WHEREAS, James Schroeder served and supported young people as a member of the Chesterfield County School Board and a Sunday school teacher at Redeemer Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional career, James Schroeder received many awards, including national accolades from the American Dental Association in 1989, a Community Service Award from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and the Outstanding Richmond History Maker Award from The Valentine Richmond History Center; and

WHEREAS, James Schroeder's greatest joy in life was his beloved family, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of nearly 50 years, Jan; his children, Elizabeth, James, Christiana, Emily, Julie, and Mimi, 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 James Ronald Schroeder, DDS, a pillar of the Richmond community; 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 James Ronald Schroeder, DDS, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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