HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 359

Celebrating the life of James Ronald Schroeder, DDS.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020

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.