

2020 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

Celebrating the life of Robert Allen Garland.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Robert Allen Garland, an esteemed pharmacist and one of the longest-serving members of the Roanoke City Council, died on March 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Garland, the son of a pharmacist, graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with a pharmacy degree in 1949; prior to completing his studies during World War II, Bob Garland admirably served the United States Army in the Atlanta Ordnance Depot; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garland joined the family business and reliably accommodated the Roanoke community's pharmaceutical needs for many years; his innovative approach led the family business to diversify and expand, becoming not just a pharmacy but a center of the community that employed 130 people at its peak; and

WHEREAS, Bob Garland was elected to Roanoke City Council in 1962, but after one term stepped away from politics to manage his booming business; after selling the company in 1969, he was elected in 1970 and would sit on the council for the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, serving for a period as vice mayor and overseeing a period of tremendous growth and development in the city, Bob Garland was a calming presence on the council, valued for his thoughtful, open-minded approach; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife of 72 years, Frances, Bob Garland will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Robert, Jr., Rebecca, Anita, and Teresa, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Allen Garland, a devoted public servant and esteemed entrepreneur cherished by the Roanoke community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Allen Garland as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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