

2020 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 241

Celebrating the life of French H. Moore, Jr., D.D.S.

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

WHEREAS, French H. Moore, Jr., D.D.S., an honorable veteran, esteemed dentist, admired public servant, and beloved member of the Abingdon community, died on February 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War and a graduate of the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry, French Moore enjoyed a prosperous dental career in Abingdon that spanned nearly four decades; and

WHEREAS, French Moore was a leader of his industry, previously serving as president of the Virginia Dental Association and as chair of the American Dental Association Council on Dental Practice; and

WHEREAS, French Moore dedicated many years of his life to civic leadership in Abingdon and Washington County; he spent 42 years on the Abingdon Town Council, including 30 years as vice mayor and six as mayor; additionally, he generously served 36 years on the Abingdon Planning Commission and 17 years on the Washington County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, French Moore's insights were invaluable to the Commonwealth during his service on numerous state commissions and committees, and he was appointed by Governor Chuck Robb in 1983 to the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Commonwealth University, serving for eight years, including three as rector; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of his community, French Moore gave plentifully of his time and talents to a plethora of local service and civic organizations, including the Washington County Life Saving Crew, which he helped charter in 1952, and the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon and the Virginia Municipal League, both of which he served as president; he is also recognized as one of the founding fathers of the Virginia Creeper Trail, one of the country's premier rail-trails; and

WHEREAS, for his outsized impact on the arts, culture, and economy of his community and for his efforts as a tireless education advocate, French Moore was the recipient of innumerable awards and accolades during his life, including the Washington County Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year Award, the Medallion Award from the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry, and the Virginia Commonwealth University's Edward A. Wayne Medal for outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, guided through life by his deep and abiding faith, French Moore was a lifelong member of the Abingdon United Methodist Church, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community; and

WHEREAS, French Moore will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 66 years, Mary Ann; his children, French III, Garrett, and Marilou, 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 French H. Moore, Jr., D.D.S., a distinguished member of the Abingdon community who touched countless lives as a dentist, civic leader, and friend; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of French H. Moore, Jr., D.D.S., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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