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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 637

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*Celebrating the life of Hugh Carrington Cosner.*

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WHEREAS, Hugh Carrington Cosner, a successful entrepreneur and respected public servant who made numerous contributions to the Spotsylvania County community, died on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner grew up in Louisa County, then lived and worked in South Norfolk until the age of 23, when he relocated to Spotsylvania County and opened a country store in Bells Crossroads; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner subsequently opened a supermarket in Post Oak, then began to expand his business interests into timber and commercial real estate, and later became an operating partner in a chain of franchised Pizza Hut restaurants in the Fredericksburg area; and

WHEREAS, after serving on the Spotsylvania County Planning Commission, Hugh Cosner was elected to the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors in 1967 and represented the Lee Hill District for the next 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner was instrumental in the establishment of the Ni River Reservoir and the Spotsylvania Mall and in helping to develop enhancements to Spotsylvania County's recreation programs and utilities infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, during his long tenure on the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, Hugh Cosner was a dedicated champion for his district and a trusted source of institutional knowledge for his fellow board members; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner served as a charter member of what is now the George Washington Regional Commission and established the Cosner Program on Translational Research in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Hugh Cosner received the 1998 Distinguished Citizenship Award from Elks Lodge No. 875 and the 2008 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy from the Virginia Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner joined Macedonia United Methodist Church at a young age and remained active with the congregation throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Cosner will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Renna; his sons, Conway and Wayne, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Hugh Carrington Cosner, a pillar of the Spotsylvania County 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 Hugh Carrington Cosner as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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