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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 556

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Celebrating the life of Walter H. Peake III.

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WHEREAS, Walter H. Peake III, an accomplished attorney who made many contributions to the Roanoke community and a beloved husband, father, and brother, died on April 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Walter "Walt" Peake attended Patrick Henry High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; he remained a proud alumnus of the university and a passionate supporter of the Hokies football and basketball teams throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from George Mason University, Walt Peake moved to Roanoke and began his career with the firm Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore; he subsequently cofounded Frith Anderson + Peake, PC, where he practiced until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Walt Peake developed an extensive understanding of professional liability law related to medical malpractice, further honing his keen intellect, analytical skills, and subject matter expertise with each case; and

WHEREAS, Walt Peake was a dedicated advocate for his clients and was well known for his engaging written and oral arguments, which were often punctuated with bits of his encyclopedic knowledge of song lyrics, sports trivia, and quotes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his legacy of achievements, the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys posthumously awarded the 2019 Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation to Walt Peake; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Walt Peake enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of St. John's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Walt Peake's greatest joy in life was his family; he is fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Nancy; his children, Meredith, Kathleen, and John, and their families; his brother, Mark, and his family; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Walter H. Peake III, a distinguished attorney and highly admired member of 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 Walter H. Peake III as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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