

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 566

Celebrating the life of John Conover.

Agreed to by the Senate, October 16, 2020

WHEREAS, John Conover, a dedicated civic activist who served the Charlottesville community as a former city councilor and vice mayor, died on October 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Jersey, John Conover received a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, studied economics at the University of Chicago, then worked as a teacher at Norfolk State University; he subsequently relocated to Charlottesville, where he worked for the printing company Black Flag Press; and

WHEREAS, John Conover and his wife, Virginia, purchased Black Flag Press, later known as Papercraft Printing, and served local residents from the business's downtown Charlottesville location for many years; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, John Conover ran for and was elected to the Charlottesville City Council, serving from 1980 to 1984, including a term as vice mayor; and

WHEREAS, after John Conover sold the printing business in 2000, he began a second career as an attorney with the Legal Aid Justice Center, assisting his fellow Charlottesville residents with landlord and tenant disputes and other cases; and

WHEREAS, John Conover helped preserve the community's heritage as a member of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society and safeguarded its natural resources as a member of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, John Conover also played a critical role in the creation of the Rivanna Trail system as a founding member of the Rivanna Trails Foundation, and in 2002, he earned the prestigious Charlottesville Bridge Builder award for his legacy of contributions to the city; and

WHEREAS, John Conover will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Virginia; his daughters, Ginnie and Joey, and their families; 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 John Conover, a public servant and community leader in Charlottesville; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Conover as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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