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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 293

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Celebrating the life of Raymond Donald Battocchi.

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WHEREAS, Raymond Donald Battocchi, a respected attorney and an active member of the Round Hill community, died on November 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the child of Italian immigrants, Raymond "Ray" Donald Battocchi was born in Massachusetts and raised in Hartford, Connecticut, where he graduated from Thomas Snell Weaver High School; and

WHEREAS, Ray Battocchi continued his education at Amherst College, where he received a bachelor's degree and earned several awards for excellence in and out of the classroom; after graduation, he was drafted by a semiprofessional football team, but instead began a career as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ray Battocchi subsequently pursued a legal degree from the University of Virginia and completed volunteer work for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, including as an election observer in Mississippi, and he remained committed to helping people in need with generous pro bono representation throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Ray Battocchi served the United States Department of Justice with distinction from 1968 to 1977, when he began practicing law with several prominent firms in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest accomplishments, Ray Battocchi represented former National Football League players in fraud cases, briefed and argued numerous cases before the United States Court of Appeals, and in 1988, prevailed before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Boos v. Barry*, 485 US 312; and

WHEREAS, respected by his peers in the legal profession, Ray Battocchi was honored by Super Lawyers in 2006 and 2007 and served as president of the McLean Bar Association in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ray Battocchi will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 14 years, Minda; his sons, Adam and Brian, and their families; his stepdaughters, Sarah and Sandra, 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 Raymond Donald Battocchi, a respected attorney and community leader in Round Hill; 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 Raymond Donald Battocchi as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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