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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 328

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Celebrating the life of Roger Hamilton Brown.

Patrons—Howell, Barker, Boysko and Surovell; Delegates: Helmer, Plum, Simon and Watts

WHEREAS, Roger Hamilton Brown, an esteemed historian and professor at American University and a beloved member of the Reston community, died on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Roger Brown earned a bachelor's degree and a doctoral degree from Harvard University in 1953 and 1960, respectively, before embarking upon a distinguished career in academia; and

WHEREAS, after teaching at Dartmouth College from 1960 to 1963, Roger Brown settled at American University in 1965, where he would teach courses on early American history for the next 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Roger Brown was an integral member of the American University community, serving as chair of its Department of History and founding the organization Friends of the American University Library to support the institution; and

WHEREAS, Roger Brown fostered his students' success through impassioned lectures and thoughtful mentorship; he also personally funded a graduate dissertation fellowship that provided scholars financial support through a crucial phase in their academic development; and

WHEREAS, Roger Brown's studies exploring the origins of the United States, best exemplified by his publications *The Struggle for the Indian Stream Territory*, *Republic in Peril: 1812*, and *Redeeming the Republic: Federalists, Taxation, and the Origins of the Constitution*, were meaningful contributions to the discourse; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Roger Brown enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston for many years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his stepson, Chris, Roger Brown will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Nancy; his children, Matthew and Jennifer, and their families; his stepchildren, Martha and Sarah, 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 Roger Hamilton Brown, a respected historian and professor at American University whose kindness and generosity brightened countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Roger Hamilton Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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