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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 335

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Celebrating the life of Roy L. Pearson.

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WHEREAS, Roy L. Pearson, esteemed professor and economist, devoted public servant, and beloved member of the Williamsburg community, died on August 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Hong Kong, Roy Pearson moved with his family to Farmville and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in commerce and a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson taught at the University of Arkansas and Centenary College of Louisiana before joining the faculty of The College of William and Mary School of Business in 1971; he would later become the school's chancellor professor of business in 1987 and attain emeritus status in 2005 upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson was a renowned expert in economic forecasting, supporting the intellectual development of countless students while publishing in many of the world's leading journals on the subject; and

WHEREAS, with great dedication to his craft, Roy Pearson served on the Board of Directors of the International Institute of Forecasters, was vice president of the National Business and Economics Society, and contributed as associate editor to *Foresight: The International Journal of Applied Forecasting*; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson was director of the Bureau of Business Research at The College of William and Mary from 1984 to 1998 and served on the Commonwealth's Joint Advisory Board of Economists for many years; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson helped advance the study of economics as president of the Association for University Business and Economic Research, an organization composed of more than 100 research bureaus in the United States and Canada, and as president of the Virginia Association of Economists, which named him a Distinguished Fellow in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson was a master scuba diver and traveled the world enjoying many diving spots and capturing their beauty with underwater photography; and

WHEREAS, Roy Pearson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Louise; his daughter, Cynthia, and her family; 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 Roy L. Pearson, a cherished professor and economist whose extraordinary dedication to the Commonwealth touched 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 Roy L. Pearson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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