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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 644

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Celebrating the life of Earl Mark Ferguson.

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WHEREAS, Earl Mark Ferguson, a respected business executive who was an active and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on June 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Syracuse, New York, Earl Ferguson graduated from the University of Wisconsin before earning a master's degree from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ferguson was the founder and chief executive officer of Artcraft Management, Inc., a property development and management company that oversaw an impressive portfolio of more than 10,000 multi-family and senior housing developments as far south as Orlando, Florida, and as far north as Arlington; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to advancing his industry, Earl Ferguson served as chair of the Richmond Apartment Management Association and as a board member of the Virginia Apartment and Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ferguson had an outsized impact on the Jewish community in Richmond, serving as president of the Weinstein JCC and of Congregation Beth Ahabah, as a member of the board of trustees of the Union for Reform Judaism, and as treasurer of the Virginia Holocaust Museum; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ferguson supported the health and well-being of others through various activities and deeds; he founded the Union for Reform Judaism's 6-Points Sports Academy, a sports camp for Jewish youth, and served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Virginia, the Richmond Symphony, and The Doorways, known formerly as the Hospital Hospitality House of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his myriad contributions to the community over many years, Earl Ferguson was recently the recipient of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities' Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ferguson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 42 years, Linda; his son, Jesse; his sister, Tina; and numerous other families members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Earl Mark Ferguson, an accomplished business executive and community leader whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Earl Mark Ferguson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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