

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 95

Celebrating the life of Paul Allen Duncan.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2022

WHEREAS, Paul Allen Duncan, a respected entrepreneur who served the New River Valley community as an automobile dealer for more than 53 years, died on March 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Paul Duncan grew up in Montgomery County and learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age; he bought, repaired, and sold bicycles in the 1940s and subsequently worked as a door-to-door salesman; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Paul Duncan began selling used cars from a gas station in Christiansburg; over the next few years, he acquired Studebaker and Mercury franchises, then opened Holiday Ford, named for the refurbished Holiday Inn sign he used as the dealership's marquee; and

WHEREAS, Paul Duncan and his sons established University Motors in 1972, Hokie Honda in 1977, and Franklin Ford Mercury in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Paul Duncan was a highly respected member of his profession and served on the Executive Board of the Virginia Automobile Dealers Association; he earned recognition from Ford for his longevity in the industry and was selected as Blacksburg's 1987 Citizen of the Year for his many contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, New River Community College presented its first honorary degree to Paul Duncan to recognize his business acumen and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career in the automotive industry, Paul Duncan offered his leadership and expertise to the National Bank of Blacksburg as an executive board member; and

WHEREAS, Paul Duncan is fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Dianne; his children, Gary, Gerald, David, and Martha, and their families; and numerous other family 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 Paul Allen Duncan, a highly admired entrepreneur and community leader; 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 Paul Allen Duncan as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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