SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Celebrating the life of Carl Fletcher Flemer, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 13, 2022 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Carl Fletcher Flemer, Jr., an entrepreneur, historian, and community leader in the Northern Neck, died on April 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Carl Flemer attended Cornell University and studied horticulture at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, after working as a dairy farmer for several years, Carl Flemer founded Ingleside Plantation Nursery, which became one of the largest wholesale nurseries in the eastern United States; he was an active leader in the horticulture industry in the Commonwealth and was a founding member of the Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Carl Flemer became a pioneer in the Commonwealth's wine industry when he opened the award-winning Ingleside Winery, which is now one of the oldest and most successful wineries in the region; and

WHEREAS, Carl Flemer worked to enhance the quality of life in the community as a member of the Westmoreland County Public Schools School Board and the Westmoreland County Planning Commission; he also played a key role in the expansion of the Peoples Community Bank of Montross during his tenure as board chair of the bank; and

WHEREAS, Carl Flemer authored two books about the history of the Northern Neck and relished every opportunity to explore the Commonwealth's abundant natural and historical resources by spending time outdoors or visiting historical sites; and

WHEREAS, Carl Flemer enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oak Grove, where he served on the vestry; and

WHEREAS, Carl Flemer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Shirley; his children, Fletcher, Douglas, Christopher, Sherri, and Sara, 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 Carl Fletcher Flemer, Jr., a highly admired member of the Westmoreland County community; and, be it

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