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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 679

Offered February 14, 2023

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable James P. Massie III.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable James P. Massie III, a respected financial professional and a distinguished public servant who represented the residents of parts of Henrico County as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for 10 years, died on January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, born in Norfolk, James "Jimmie" P. Massie III graduated from the Collegiate School in Richmond and continued his education at the University of Virginia, earning a bachelor's degree in economics; he developed strong friendships in his school years that endured throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie pursued a career as a private equity investor and was highly respected for his business acumen; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service, Jimmie Massie ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates in 2007; he ably represented the residents of parts of Henrico County in the 72nd District for five consecutive terms from 2008 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state lawmaker, Jimmie Massie introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians; he took a special interest in education policy and played a role in the creation of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits Program; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie offered his leadership and expertise to the House Committees on Appropriations, Education, and Rules and served on the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission; he served the residents of Henrico County and the Commonwealth with the utmost professionalism, dedication, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Richmond community as an active member of Third Church; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie lived his faith through his actions and volunteered with Needle's Eye Ministries, Inc., a nondenominational organization that promotes Christian values in business in the Richmond region; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie relished every opportunity to spend time with his beloved family, especially enjoying Sunday family dinners, and he never failed to appreciate the importance of simple activities like going for a walk with a friend or loved one; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Massie will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, James IV, William, Rebecca, and John, 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 the Honorable James P. Massie III; 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 the Honorable James P. Massie III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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