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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 821

Offered February 20, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Theodore Nathan Lerner.*

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WHEREAS, Theodore Nathan Lerner, a prominent real estate developer and philanthropist and principal owner of the Washington Nationals of Major League Baseball, died on February 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C., in 1944 and serving with the United States Army in Texas during World War II, Theodore "Ted" Nathan Lerner received an associate's degree from The George Washington University (GWU) in 1948 and graduated from the university's law school two years later; and

WHEREAS, Ted Lerner saw quick success in real estate, developing subdivisions in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area for several years and later developing shopping malls, including Wheaton Plaza and White Flint Mall in Maryland, and Dulles Town Center, Tysons Corner Center, and Tysons II in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, with his company Lerner Enterprises of Rockville, Maryland, Ted Lerner oversaw the construction of over 30,000 homes and apartments in the Washington, D.C., area, providing quality homes to an untold number of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Ted Lerner purchased the Washington Nationals in 2006 and over several years developed the organization into one of the best in baseball, winning the World Series in 2019 and bringing a championship title back to Washington, D.C., for the first time in almost a century; and

WHEREAS, guided by his faith, Ted Lerner enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, through the Annette M. Lerner and Theodore N. Lerner Family Foundation, Ted Lerner gave generously to various institutions and organizations in the community over the years, including GWU, Children's National Hospital, and Ohr Kodesh; and

WHEREAS, Ted Lerner will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Annette; his children, Mark, Debra, and Marla, 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 Theodore Nathan Lerner, a respected developer and philanthropist who left an indelible mark on the Greater Washington, D.C., community; 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 Theodore Nathan Lerner as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of his contribution to our community and respect for his memory.