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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 298

Offered February 8, 2023

Celebrating the life of Archie Goodwyn.

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WHEREAS, in every community and county of the Commonwealth there are ancient families whose descendants in every generation lead lives of dignity and quiet virtue that contribute to the well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, in Powhatan, the Goodwyns are such a family, and Archie Goodwyn led such a life; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn, aged 85, passed away on September 14, 2022, surrounded by his family, at home in Powhatan, not far from the land that had likewise nourished the bodies and souls of his forebears; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn was born in Powhatan on March 24, 1937, the son of Richard C. and Mary W. Goodwyn, who preceded him in death, together with three of his brothers, "Kaiser" and Jean Worsham Goodwyn, N.B. "Tootie" and Jean Goodwyn, and Royce Goodwyn, and also by his devoted brother-in-law, J.A. Ransone, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, surviving to cherish the memory of Archie Goodwyn are his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann; his son, Archie Howard Goodwyn, Jr., and his wife, Wendy; his daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Joe) Whitney; his brother, R.C. "Pal" Goodwyn, Jr., and his wife, Patsy; and his sister, Mary Jane (Mrs. J.A., Jr.) Ransone; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn is survived, too, by four grandchildren, Brittany Goodwyn (Mrs. Cory) Fridley, Landis Clayton Goodwyn, Joseph Paul Whitney, Jr., and Anne Elizabeth Whitney, and two great-grandchildren, Easton and Caroline Fridley, as well as numerous nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn graduated from Powhatan High School in 1957 and attended the University of Richmond, where he continued his athletic competitiveness in both baseball and football; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn spent the entirety of his adult life working with his brothers in the family business, R.C. Goodwyn and Sons Lumber Company, in the Goodwyn's beloved Powhatan County; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement—which came in 2002—Archie Goodwyn continued work on the family's Branchway Subdivisions on part of the Goodwyn's family farm acreage; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn was a life-long and faithful member and deacon of Red Lane Baptist Church and of the church's Brotherhood Small Group; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn served on the board of directors of Huguenot Academy, which has in recent years grown to become Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School, located on land donated for the purpose by the Goodwyn family; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn served, too, on the board of directors for the Virginia Building Material Dealers Association and was a member of both the Powhatan Lions and Powhatan Ruritan clubs; and

WHEREAS, Archie Goodwyn embodied, and left as his principal legacy, the virtues he also inherited—faith, devotion to family, neighborliness, and a love of what is well and rightly deemed to be, in a term of endearment, "Old Powhatan"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Archie Goodwyn, a Virginia gentleman of the Old School whose life was well and joyfully lived and whose passing is rightly and widely mourned; 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 Archie Goodwyn as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his noble life and communal bequest and respect for his memory.

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