2023 SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 408

Celebrating the life of Robert Joseph Robertory.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Robert Joseph Robertory, a federal administrative judge who specialized in contract and construction law and a dedicated community leader in Fairfax County, died on November 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Joseph Robertory grew up in New Jersey and graduated from what is now Saint Peter's University and Boston College Law School; and

WHEREAS, Bob Robertory served his country as an officer in the United States Army and worked at the Pentagon as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps; and

WHEREAS, as a civilian, Bob Robertory worked in the Office of the Chief of Engineers in the Army Corps of Engineers, in the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, and as an attorney in the U.S. Government Accountability Office; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement as a deputy chief judge of the U.S. Department of Transportation Board of Contract Appeals in 1997, he continued to serve as an arbitrator and mediator for major construction disputes and was a sought-after lecturer on dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Bob Robertory served as a trustee of the Crosspointe Homeowners Association and represented the Crosspointe community before the South County Federation for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, at the local level, Bob Robertory was also involved in many construction and development matters, including the construction of South County Secondary School and South County Middle School, the development of the Shoppes at Lorton Valley, and the closure of the Lorton Landfill; and

WHEREAS, Bob Robertory also served as a past commodore of the Fairfax Yacht Club and enjoyed spending time on his boat on the Chesapeake Bay; he was an avid model train collector and loved sharing his hobby with his children and grandchildren, while encouraging them to achieve their fullest potential in their own pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Bob Robertory will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Ruth; his sons, Robert, Peter, and Keith, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Joseph Robertory, a respected member of the Fairfax County 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 Robert Joseph Robertory as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.