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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 260

Offered January 22, 1996

On the death of John Harvard Randolph.

Patrons—Grayson, Barlow, Cantor, Cooper, Dillard, Hamilton, Kilgore, Mims, Moore, Spruill and Tate;
Senators: Earley, Maxwell, Norment, Trumbo and Williams

WHEREAS, John Harvard Randolph, a star athlete, successful track coach, and innovative athletic director at the College of William and Mary, died on August 11, 1995; and

WHEREAS, an all-state track athlete in high school in Northern Virginia, John Randolph was recruited by William and Mary track coach Harry Groves, whom he later succeeded as coach; and

WHEREAS, voted William and Mary's most valuable athlete, John Randolph graduated in 1964, then joined the Marines and served in Vietnam, where his heroism earned him the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, John Randolph returned to William and Mary, earned his master's degree, and served as assistant track and field coach and later as head coach; and

WHEREAS, John Randolph's teams were highly successful, winning 45 Southern Conference and Virginia Intercollegiate titles, which won him the head coaching assignment for the United States' 1983 Pan American Games track team; and

WHEREAS, an effective and enthusiastic fund-raiser, John Randolph raised \$100,000 while he was still track coach to install a new track and, as athletic director, established an endowment program that raised \$14 million; and

WHEREAS, John Randolph's long record of success at his alma mater was recognized when he was elected to the William and Mary Athletic Hall of Fame and when he received the Alumni Medallion from the Alumni Society; and

WHEREAS, during his too-short life, John Randolph accomplished more than most, and accomplished it with a rare grace and spirit that are his most lasting legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the members of the General Assembly mourn the untimely loss of an exceptional Virginian, John Harvard Randolph; 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 John Harvard Randolph as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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