

# 1998 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 366

*On the death of John B. Greiff.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 1998  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 1998

WHEREAS, John B. Greiff of Newport News, a prominent Peninsula journalist and conscientious and effective advocate for the mentally ill, died on December 18, 1997; and

WHEREAS, a native of Superior, Wisconsin, and a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the journalism school at the University of Missouri, John Greiff joined the *Daily Press* as a reporter in 1956; and

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, John Greiff was an accomplished and professional city hall reporter in Newport News and became one of Virginia's top political writers, covering the General Assembly during the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, John Greiff was assigned to the editorial page of the *Daily Press* in 1978 and became editorial page editor in 1980; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement in 1983, John Greiff became an impassioned and dedicated advocate on behalf of the mentally ill and in support of the advancement of literacy; and

WHEREAS, John Greiff served on the state board of the Mental Health Association, the Peninsula Mental Health Association, the Newport News Library Board, and the Peninsula board of the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death John Greiff was a member of the Newport News Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many contributions to mental health in Virginia John Greiff received the state Mental Health Association's Distinguished Achievement Award in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished journalist and a tireless and effective advocate for the mentally ill, John Greiff leaves a lasting legacy of service to the Newport News community, the Peninsula, and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a singularly valuable Virginian, John B. Greiff; 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 B. Greiff as an expression of the great respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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