

2002 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

Celebrating the life of Samuel A. Face, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2002
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2002

WHEREAS, Samuel A. Face, Jr., of Norfolk, the retired chairman of The Face Companies in Norfolk and the co-developer of the industry standard for measuring the flatness of concrete floors, died on May 2, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Maury High School in Norfolk, Samuel Face earned his undergraduate degree from the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary and his master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, during the mid-1970s, Samuel Face devised a system for measuring the flatness of a concrete floor, which became the Face Floor Profile Numbering System, or the F-Number System; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Face's system has been adopted by the American Concrete Institute, the American Society for Testing and Materials, the Canadian Standards Association, and the World Bank; and

WHEREAS, the use of Samuel Face's F-Number System over the past 20 years has resulted in a 100 percent improvement in the flatness and levelness of concrete floors on which it is used; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his legendary status in the construction industry, Samuel Face was well-known in Tidewater for his love of sailing and for his dominance in the Snipe Division in Southeastern Virginia for several years in the 1930s and 1940s; and

WHEREAS, for the last 15 years of his life, Samuel Face totally rebuilt a 53-foot ketch, a feat that amazed those who appreciate innovative design and craftsmanship of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Face was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, the American Concrete Institute, and the American Ceramic Society; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and creative builder, Samuel Face leaves a lasting legacy in his technique that has today become the industry standard in the construction industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby mourn the passing of an invaluable citizen of the Commonwealth, Samuel A. Face, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Samuel A. Face, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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