

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 158

Commemorating the life of Paul G. McIntire on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 22, 2010

Agreed to by the Senate, January 28, 2010

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire, son of George M. McIntire and Catherine Clark McIntire, was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on May 28, 1860, and graciously enriched the Charlottesville community with priceless gifts of charity until his death on July 1, 1952; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire attended the University of Virginia for a single session from 1878 to 1879 and in 1880 moved to Chicago to work as a coffee salesman, make a living, and begin his successful career in finance; and

WHEREAS, in 1891 Paul G. McIntire married Edith Clark and in 1896 he purchased a seat on the Chicago Stock Exchange where he worked as a commission broker for customers, traded in his own interest, and attained a reputation as a specialist in rail stocks; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire welcomed the birth of his only child, Charlotte Virginia McIntire in 1901; he moved to New York, purchased a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and amassed his great fortune; and

WHEREAS, in 1918 Paul G. McIntire left active business to retire to Charlottesville, Virginia, and in 1919 endowed the University of Virginia with a School of Fine Arts, consisting of the School of Art and Architecture and the School of Music; and, in 1921, the same year that he married Anna Dearing Rhodes, he also donated funds for the establishment of the School of Commerce and Finance at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire desired to share his fortune and passion for international culture, reading and learning with the hardworking citizens and children of the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities, and he did so with his gift of rare books to the Alderman Library that included works from the 14th through 17th centuries; his donation of 473 art objects, comprised of five oil paintings, miniatures, religious objects, enamels, silverware, furniture, scent bottles, and china to the Museum of Fine Arts at the University of Virginia; his founding of a public library system; and his numerous contributions of books, scholarships, and maps to Charlottesville schools; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire is fondly remembered as one of Charlottesville's greatest philanthropists and benefactors who shaped the Charlottesville cityscape with five public parks, named Lee, Jackson, Belmont, Washington, and McIntire; statues of Robert E. Lee, located in Lee Park; Stonewall Jackson, located in Jackson Park; Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and Sacajawea located at the intersection of McIntire and Ridge Roads; and Lewis and George Rogers Clark located at the intersection of West Main Street and Jefferson Park Avenue; and the Amphitheater at the University of Virginia where he hoped there would be many concerts and lectures; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire contributed heavily to Albemarle County's 4-H Clubs and Albemarle County schools, providing building aid toward the erection of new county schools in Crozet and Scottsville; providing education materials like maps, lithographs, and records to each county school from high schools down to one-room elementary schools; and also establishing scholarships to an outstanding graduating boy and girl from each high school each year; and

WHEREAS, Paul G. McIntire received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for his service to mankind in 1928, was conferred with the honor of Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor for his generous gifts to the education of World War I orphans in 1929, dutifully served on the University of Virginia Board of Visitors from 1922 to 1934, returned to New York following the death of his wife in 1933 and married Hilda Berkel Hall in 1934, and was honored by the City of Charlottesville in the first Paul Goodloe McIntire Day on May 20, 1942; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Paul G. McIntire on the 150th anniversary of his birth for his incredible generosity to the community of his birth, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Albemarle Historical Society as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for Paul G. McIntire's memory and contributions in honor of the 150th anniversary of his birth.

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