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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5003

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Celebrating the life of James Michael Jarvis.

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Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, James Michael Jarvis, a respected businessman and community supporter from Richmond, died on March 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Michael Jarvis moved with his family to Richmond as a young man, attending Benedictine High School and completing his secondary education at the Collegiate School; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded student, Michael Jarvis graduated from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the football team, Phi Kappa Sigma, and the Eli Banana Society; and

WHEREAS, Michael Jarvis gained valuable experience and skills while proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1968 to 1975, eventually attaining the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, a savvy business communications leader, Michael Jarvis served as an executive or founder of numerous companies, successfully building them to local and regional success; and

WHEREAS, Michael Jarvis served as the president of Charter Leasing Corporation before founding and directing Isotec Communications, Inc., which became one of the nation's largest distributors of small to medium-sized business telephone systems; and

WHEREAS, Michael Jarvis also served as vice president and president of Jarvis Corporation, founded by his father, before founding Jarvis Communication Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Michael Jarvis served as president of ROLM Atlantic after the ROLM Corporation bought part of Jarvis Corporation; he then returned to Jarvis Corporation in 1981, becoming chairman of the board; and

WHEREAS, Michael Jarvis led the Jarvis Corporation to become the largest private supplier of telecommunication systems to businesses in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, an admired contributor to civic and community life in Richmond, Michael Jarvis generously gave of his time and talents to numerous corporate and civic organizations, including the Bank of Virginia, Preservation Virginia, and the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Michael Jarvis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Kathryn; children, Virginia, Elizabeth, Maria, and James and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected business leader and generous community supporter, James Michael Jarvis; 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 James Michael Jarvis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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