

2011 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5045

Celebrating the life of Alfred W. Gross.

Agreed to by the Senate, July 29, 2011

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, July 29, 2011

WHEREAS, Alfred W. Gross, the highly esteemed former head of the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance, died on July 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, born in Chicago, Illinois, Alfred Gross received a bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a master's degree and doctorate in German Literature from the University of Kansas before earning a master's of business administration from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, after completing graduate school, Alfred Gross began his exemplary career at the Bureau of Insurance, which oversees the licensure, regulation, investigation, and examination of insurance companies, groups, plans, agencies, and agents for the residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a keen intellect that grasped the complexities of the financial regulation of insurance companies, Alfred Gross served as an insurance examiner before supervising company licensing and regulatory compliance for several years; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Gross then served as deputy commissioner of the Financial Regulation Division before his appointment as the commissioner of insurance in 1996; he also functioned as the court-appointed deputy receiver for Virginia-domiciled insurers in receivership; and

WHEREAS, one of the longest serving insurance commissioners in the country, Alfred Gross built a staff of highly skilled professionals who have continued to serve the Commonwealth with great distinction under new leadership; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader known for his ability to build relationships with other departments and divisions across the Commonwealth, Alfred Gross also earned national and international acclaim for his expertise on financial issues in the regulatory community through his work with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Gross was honored for his significant contributions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners with the organization's President's Award for Distinguished NAIC Member Leadership; and

WHEREAS, an admired and conscientious public servant, Alfred Gross served the residents of the Commonwealth with unflagging devotion, the same devotion and thoughtfulness that were evidenced in all aspects of his life; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Gross cherished his family and will be greatly missed by his wife, Kathleen; children, Genevieve Kehoe, Brian Gross, and Kaitlin Gross; grandchildren, Liam Kehoe, Abigail Kehoe, and Avianna Kehoe; and numerous other family members, dear friends, and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the former head of the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance, Alfred W. Gross; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Alfred W. Gross as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and service to the Commonwealth.

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