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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 122

Offered January 20, 2012

Celebrating the life of Patrick A. Rodio.

Patrons—Petersen, Barker, Black, Blevins, Carrico, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Garrett, Hanger, Herring, Howell, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Marsh, Martin, McDougle, McEachin, McWaters, Miller, J.C., Miller, Y.B., Newman, Norment, Northam, Obenshain, Puckett, Puller, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Smith, Stanley, Stosch, Stuart, Vogel, Wagner and Watkins; Delegate: Bulova

WHEREAS, Patrick A. Rodio, a retired munitions expert for the United States Army who played a vital role in community and civic affairs in the City of Fairfax for decades, died on November 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of New Jersey where he was educated in the public schools, Patrick Rodio began his career in munitions as a laborer at an ordnance installation and rapidly rose through the ranks, gaining both technical knowledge and managerial skills that led to numerous promotions; and

WHEREAS, highly respected for his expertise, Patrick Rodio served across the United States and in Europe, eventually being transferred to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance at the Pentagon in 1957 and settling in the City of Fairfax with his family; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Patrick Rodio retired as Chief of the Munitions Branch, Director/Maintenance Army Materiel Command after an illustrious 36-year career that included numerous commendations from both the United States Army and Navy for his service; and

WHEREAS, an avid baseball fan, Patrick Rodio served as the Fairfax Little League coach, manager, and president and as the coach and manager of the Fairfax Babe Ruth Baseball League; he also worked with local youth as an assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Rodio joined local community service organizations, worked on the Fire and Rescue Services Task Force and Fire and Rescue Review Team, and was a loyal member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Rodio also headed the City of Fairfax Republican Committee and had the honor of representing the City of Fairfax in Virginia's Silver Haired Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Rodio served on the Fairfax City Council from 1984 until 1994, never missing a meeting or vote during his decade of service, and was appointed to an additional term from December 11, 2001, until June 20, 2002, to fill a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader who loved his adopted hometown, Patrick Rodio urged the creation of a City of Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center to preserve the city's rich heritage and educate residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Rodio also encouraged the creation of the City of Fairfax's Veterans Memorial Amphitheater to honor veterans and provide a venue for performances by local arts and musical groups; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Patrick Rodio was honored by the United States House of Representatives for his many contributions to the City of Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable citizen, Patrick Rodio served his community and country with great passion, intelligence, and commitment, creating an enduring legacy for his family, friends, and admirers to remember; 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 a dedicated public servant and respected citizen of the Commonwealth, Patrick A. Rodio; and, be it

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

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