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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 223

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*Celebrating the life of Walter S. Segaloff.*

Patrons—Yancey, BaCote, Davis, DeSteph, Head, Hodges, James, Jones, Knight, Mason, Morris, Morrissey, Pogge, Spruill, Stolle, Taylor, Villanueva and Ward

WHEREAS, Walter S. Segaloff, a respected businessman and visionary civic leader who left a living legacy to the residents of Newport News through his sterling example of service and the establishment of An Achievable Dream, died on August 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff grew up in Newport News and returned there to join the family business after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, eventually becoming president of Virginia Specialty Stores, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff's commitment to "doing the right thing for the right reason" could be seen in the depth and breadth of his involvement in local civic and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff served as the founder and director of the Virginia Peninsula Economic Development Council and on the Newport News Planning Commission and was actively involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, a strong supporter of the local military and their families, Walter Segaloff took an active role in the 1988 - 1989 Celebration Committee that welcomed home the USS *Newport News* and served as cochair of the 1991 "Coming Home Proud" event; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff provided wise insight and guidance to a number of projects and organizations on the Virginia Peninsula, including Christopher Newport University's Real Estate Foundation, and played a pivotal role in the founding of Harbor Bank (now TowneBank); and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff strongly believed in the dignity and worth of all individuals and fought to end segregation and religious and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff founded An Achievable Dream and brought together "Dreamers" in the community with the nonprofit organization to provide the youth of Newport News with enhanced learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Walter Segaloff worked tirelessly to support the birth and growth of the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff was honored for his tremendous service to the community with a host of awards over the years that culminated in his recognition by the Virginia Press Association as the 2013 Virginian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable man, Walter Segaloff touched the lives of countless individuals over the course of his long and meaningful life and inspired others to take an active role in community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Walter Segaloff will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Ann; children, David and Peter, and their families; stepchildren, Rick, Megan, and Chris, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 Walter S. Segaloff; 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 Walter S. Segaloff as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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