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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 352

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*Celebrating the life of Bruce van Voorst.*

Patrons—Brink, Hope and Lopez; Senators: Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst, an international correspondent during some of the most turbulent years of the late 20th century, died on December 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst, who resided in Arlington, worked for both *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines during his 35-year career in journalism; he was a native of Holland, Michigan, and received degrees from Hope College and the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, as an international correspondent, Bruce van Voorst spent 22 years on overseas assignments; he was Middle East bureau chief stationed in Beirut, Lebanon, and was Latin American bureau chief based in Buenos Aires, Argentina; he also covered the end of the Cold War and the first Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst, who worked for *Newsweek* from 1963 to 1975, was also bureau chief in Bonn, Germany; later, he became a diplomatic correspondent for the magazine and traveled for three years with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Bruce van Voorst joined *Time* magazine and witnessed many events of the Iranian Revolution as Middle East bureau chief; he was one of a group of reporters who flew with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini when he returned from his exile in Paris to Iran, and he also covered the Iranian hostage crisis from 1979 to 1980; was Senior Correspondent for National Security Affairs covering the CIA and the Defense Department from 1983 to 1994; and German bureau chief based in Bonn, Germany, from 1994 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst made frequent appearances as a contributor to the MacNeill-Lehrer News Hour on WETA during 1991 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his work, Bruce van Voorst interviewed notable world leaders, including Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of West Germany and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971, Salvador Allende of Chile, and Yitzhak Rabin of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst began his career as a reporter in Michigan; he also worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and was a foreign policy aide for United States Senator Richard L. "Dick" Clark of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, after retiring, Bruce van Voorst became a watercolorist, selling his paintings privately and through galleries; he enjoyed travel, was a freelance writer, and avidly pursued many intellectual and current events interests; and

WHEREAS, Bruce van Voorst will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Barbara; his children, Mark, Carol, Kathryn, and Susan, and their families; and many 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 citizen of the Commonwealth, Bruce van Voorst, who reported on many of the seminal events and people of the late 20th century; 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 Bruce van Voorst as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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