

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 393

Celebrating the life of Thomas Walter Caldroney, M.D.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Thomas Walter Caldroney, M.D., of Newport News, a pediatrics pioneer and longtime pediatrician, died on January 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, Thomas Caldroney graduated from high school during the Great Depression and received a scholarship to attend Middlebury College in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney graduated from Middlebury College at age 19, after World War II accelerated his college schedule, and he was then admitted to Cornell University's medical school, where he finished another accelerated program when he was just 22; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney completed a pediatrics residency at Syracuse University and at St. Luke's Hospital, and shortly thereafter he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War; he was assigned to Fort Eustis, where he served as the sole pediatrician on post; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney joined the Children's Clinic in Newport News, the largest pediatrics practice in the area, in its infancy, and he practiced pediatrics for nearly five decades before retiring in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney served for many years on the staff at Riverside Hospital, developed and opened a cerebral palsy clinic for the Peninsula area, and was one of only a few private practice physicians offered a position as Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at what was then the Medical College of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney was a longtime member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, and he enjoyed traveling and sports, especially golf; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Caldroney provided his family with a stable and happy home, and his service to his community made "Papa Tom" an important role model for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Phyllis, Thomas Caldroney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Tom, Ralph, Cindy, and Philip, and their families, and a host of other family members and special friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas Walter Caldroney, M.D., of Newport News, a pediatrics pioneer and longtime pediatrician; 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 Thomas Walter Caldroney, M.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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