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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 301

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Celebrating the life of Frank R. Spadea.

Patrons—DeSteph and Spruill; Delegate: Knight

WHEREAS, Virginia Beach businessman Frank R. Spadea, founder and chair of Franciscus Homes, died on March 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in Jamaica, New York, to Nicholas and Mary Spadea, Frank Spadea attended college at St. John's University in New York; and

WHEREAS, Frank Spadea moved to the Hampton Roads area over 50 years ago and founded Franciscus Homes in 1976, a company that today is one of the region's largest builders in the attached and workforce housing segment; and

WHEREAS, Franciscus Homes developed 3,500 condos and 500 single-family houses over the past 40 years, building across an area that spans from Moyock, North Carolina, to James City County; and

WHEREAS, Frank Spadea gained national recognition for his innovations in land planning and building design; his passion for building and design concepts was evident in his trademark doodles in the sketch pad he always carried; and

WHEREAS, Frank Spadea was a true gentleman remembered for his honesty and straightforwardness in his business dealings, his generosity and kindness toward others, and his devotion to his faith and his family, especially his five grandchildren, who filled his heart with joy and pride; and

WHEREAS, Frank Spadea will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Kathy; children, Lori and Russell, and their families; and the many relatives and friends whose lives he touched; 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 Virginia Beach businessman and Franciscus Homes founder Frank R. Spadea; and, be it

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

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