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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

Offered February 16, 2017

Celebrating the life of H. Stewart Dunn.

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WHEREAS, Stewart Dunn was a devoted husband to Loti Kennedy Dunn, the proud father of five children, Chris, Tim, Tony (deceased), Eliza, and Rhett, and the loving grandfather of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Stewart "Stew" Dunn graduated from Yale University in 1951 and from Harvard Law School in 1954, where he served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Stew Dunn worked with the law firm of Ivins, Phillips & Barker since 1957, where his practice covered most areas of tax law; in recent years, his practice concentrated on trusts and estates, an area in which he became a nationally recognized expert; and

WHEREAS, from 1970 to 1973, Stew Dunn served as vice chair of the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation; and

WHEREAS, Stew Dunn was a member of the American Bar Foundation, the American Law Institute, the American College of Tax Counsel, and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and he served as a member of the United States Committee on the Selection of Federal Judicial Officers and as its chair from 1979 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, despite his busy professional and personal life, Stew Dunn devoted himself to civil liberties throughout his career; when nominated for an Alexandria Living Legend award, it was said of him: "Of all the activities in which Stew participates, the one to which he is the most dedicated and which he regards as the most important is his service as a board member and policy maker for the area American Civil Liberties Union"; and

WHEREAS, Stew Dunn held leadership positions for the ACLU Virginia affiliate in 1991, including service as vice president from 2005 to 2015 and as national board representative from 1996 to 2005; he was a member of the Board of Directors of the ACLU of the National Capital Area for more than 30 years and served as its president from 1986 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Stew Dunn was not only active in the work of the ACLU but also deeply invested in matters concerning the City of Alexandria, where he served in various leadership roles in the Old Town Civic Association, the Alexandria Human Rights Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Stew Dunn was the model of a good, active listener and always allowed for the opportunity to change his mind; he solicited viewpoints, listened respectfully, responded, synthesized, and reflected back, and he had an extraordinary sense of when to speak to a subject to win over the most support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of H. Stewart Dunn, a respected attorney and civil rights activist in Alexandria; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of H. Stewart Dunn as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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