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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 563

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Dan Ryan, Sr.

Patrons—Davis, Bloxom, Brewer, Knight, Leftwich, Miyares and Stolle; Senators: Cosgrove, DeSteph and Wagner

WHEREAS, Dan Ryan, Sr., a respected business leader who has provided high-quality clothing and outstanding customer service to the Virginia Beach community as the owner of the store Dan Ryan's for Men, retired in 2018 following a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Norview High School in Norfolk, Dan Ryan developed an interest in the men's clothing industry at a young age while serving as an advertising model for local retail businesses; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Dan Ryan joined the sales force at a local clothing retailer called The Hub and soon became the youngest manager in the company's history; he then worked as a district manager and men's clothing buyer for the store Edgerton and Lee; and

WHEREAS, following a brief stint selling vacuum cleaners, Dan Ryan resolved to launch his own clothing store; with the help of family members and a loan from local business leaders, he opened Dan Ryan's for Men on May 13, 1976; and

WHEREAS, under Dan Ryan's capable leadership, Dan Ryan's for Men has grown from a humble menswear store into a cornerstone of the Virginia Beach retail community known for its honest sales policies and expert customer service; and

WHEREAS, Dan Ryan's for Men sells tailored clothing, casual clothing, shoes, accessories, and custom clothing; in 2011, the store was recognized on *The Virginian-Pilot's* prestigious "Best Of" list; and

WHEREAS, a proud Virginia Beach resident, Dan Ryan has served on the boards of several local organizations, including the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Townes Bank, Crime Solvers, the Navy League, and the Children's Health Foundation of the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters; and

WHEREAS, Dan Ryan was chosen to serve as King Neptune during Virginia Beach's 2003 Neptune Festival; in May 2017, he was recognized as the Virginia Beach Jaycees' First Citizen in honor of his lifetime of community service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dan Ryan, Sr., on his many years of exceptional service to the business community and the residents of Virginia Beach; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dan Ryan, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his spectacular career accomplishments and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

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