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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 631

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Celebrating the life of Richard Leigh Towell, Sr.

Patrons—Peace and Carr; Senators: Norment and Sturtevant

WHEREAS, Richard Leigh Towell, Sr., a devoted educator and a respected member of the Richmond community, died on August 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of South Carolina, Richard Towell pursued a long and fulfilling career in education; and

WHEREAS, over the course of more than 50 years, Richard Towell inspired generations of Richmond students at Collegiate School and St. Christopher's School to achieve success both in and out of the classroom; he also taught at Sevenoaks School in England on a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Richard Towell worked to build strong, personal relationships with his students, using his sense of humor to enhance the learning process and ensure that the young men and women in his care were prepared for success in higher education, careers, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, a patron of the arts, he enhanced cultural life in Richmond as a founding member of the Carillon Civic Association and the annual Arts in the Park event, which has showcased thousands of artists from around the country for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Richard Towell enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of River Road Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Carol, Richard Towell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Anita; his children, Leigh, Ellen, Eric, and Sam, and their families; and numerous 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 Richard Leigh Towell, Sr.; 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 Richard Leigh Towell, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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