

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 246

Celebrating the life of Edward Jarratt Ramsey, Jr., M.D.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019

WHEREAS, Edward Jarratt Ramsey, Jr., M.D., an esteemed medical professional in Richmond, died on October 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey graduated from Hermitage High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree with honors from Hampden-Sydney College, where he was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity and Chi Beta Phi National Scientific Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, in Dallas, Texas, Edward Ramsey completed his internal medicine residency and gastrointestinal fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Parkland Hospital, where he studied among several Nobel laureates and under the tutelage of the eminent author and professor Dr. John Fordtran; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey spent a year on the faculty of the medical school and felt honored to be on the original research team that eventually led to the discovery that the H. pylori bacteria causes peptic ulcers; years later, his work was cited by two physicians who won a Nobel Prize for their further research on the subject; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 Edward Ramsey returned to Richmond where he served on the board of directors of Johnston-Willis Hospital as the chief of medicine and the chief of gastroenterology for many years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey's other professional accomplishments include membership in the Virginia Gastroenterological Society, for which he served as secretary for 12 years, as well as memberships in the Richmond Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey loved traveling with his family; he was a connoisseur of wine; he was fervently passionate about sports from an early age, and he excelled in baseball as a youth and played on the varsity basketball teams in high school and college; and

WHEREAS, after completing his medical training, tennis became a passion for Edward Ramsey; his United States Tennis Association 4.5 team won the National Championship in 1993 and made it to the semifinals in 1995; in his later years, he enjoyed golf tremendously and was named senior player of the year at the Country Club of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ramsey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 48 years, Patty; his children, Jarratt and Catherine, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Edward Jarratt Ramsey, Jr., M.D., an esteemed medical professional in Richmond; 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 Edward Jarratt Ramsey, Jr., M.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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