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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 80

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Celebrating the life of Louis Clifford Schroeder, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Louis Clifford Schroeder, Sr., a successful business executive who was a champion for education and the preservation of the Chesapeake Bay and other natural resources, died on January 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York, Louis Clifford "Cliff" Schroeder, Sr., attended The Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College, then continued his education at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Cliff Schroeder became the owner and president of Corrugated Container Company in New York and subsequently became the owner and chief executive officer of Dixie Container Corporation in Richmond, both of which had been founded by his father; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Cliff Schroeder served as founding vice president and treasurer of Thermo Electron Company, which is now part of a Fortune 500 company that develops advanced medical technology products; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Cliff Schroeder expanded Dixie Container Corporation to include 10 subsidiaries throughout the Southeastern United States and, in 1982, established one of only two recycling paper mills in the country at that time; and

WHEREAS, after selling Dixie Container Corporation in 1990, Cliff Schroeder formed Chronos, L.C., a financial and real estate investment firm; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1988, Cliff Schroeder served as chair of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, which preserved thousands of acres of land from development during that period; he founded and served as president of the Virginia Oyster Reef Heritage Foundation, which helped repopulate the Commonwealth's oyster colonies; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Schroeder served as chair of the Last Great Waters Foundation and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board and as a member of several other boards and commissions related to the health of the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia's natural resources; he was selected as a trustee of the Elizabeth River Restoration Trust and the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Schroeder was a longtime member of the Board of Visitors and Governors at Washington College in Maryland, where he established the Center for the Environment and Society to create new opportunities for young leaders; and

WHEREAS, an honorary alumnus at The College of William & Mary, Cliff Schroeder served on the institution's Board of Visitors and founded the Schroeder Center for Health Policy and the Thomas Jefferson Program for Public Policy; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Schroeder similarly offered his leadership to his alma mater The Taft School, as well as St. Christopher's School and St. Catherine's School in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Schroeder will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 62 years, Lois; his children, Allesandra, Louis, Jr., and Christopher, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Louis Clifford Schroeder, Sr., a respected businessman and a passionate environmentalist; 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 Louis Clifford Schroeder, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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