

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 101

Celebrating the life of Steven H. Rubin.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020

WHEREAS, Steven H. Rubin, a beloved member of the Charlottesville community and indefatigable advocate for equality and justice, died on August 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rubin was born in Great Neck, New York, earned degrees from Carleton College and New York University, and served in the United States Army before beginning a career teaching literature and journalism at universities in Delaware, Louisiana, and New York; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing a doctorate degree and teaching at Louisiana State University's New Orleans campus in the 1960s, Steven Rubin became involved in the civil rights movement; he worked with the NAACP and later joined the New Orleans chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, serving as its president and a national board member from 1965 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, despite the risks, Steven Rubin was undeterred in his fight against segregation and discrimination; from 1967 to 1976 he also served on the Louisiana and New York state committees for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rubin later worked at the State University of New York at Oneonta, chairing the Department of English from 1979 to 1983 and sharing his expertise with countless students; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Charlottesville, Steven Rubin became involved in the Ron Brown Scholar Program, for which he served as chief editor and consultant for over two decades; the program, which provides scholarships and mentorship to African American college students, was a fitting conclusion to his life's work; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his daughter, Jennifer, Steven Rubin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Gail; their son, Joshua, and his family; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Steven H. Rubin, lifelong champion of human rights and cherished member of the Charlottesville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Steven H. Rubin as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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