

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 251

*Celebrating the life of Joe Allen Mann, Ph.D.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 4, 2020  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, Joe Allen Mann, Ph.D., an esteemed engineer, a prosperous entrepreneur, and a beloved member of the Williamsburg community, died on February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Ronceverte, West Virginia, Joe Mann graduated from West Virginia University and earned his doctorate in chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mann began his career with Dow Badische, where his hard work and diligence took him from an entry-level position to division management within three years; subsequently, from 1982 through 1987, Joe Mann served as corporate director for research and development for Burlington Industries; and

WHEREAS, with ample leadership experience, Joe Mann formed his own firm, The Mann Group, providing top-notch management consulting and technical troubleshooting services to his industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Joe Mann relocated to Williamsburg to take over the BASF Fibers plant that was set to close, starting Mann Industries and saving more than 400 jobs in the community; and

WHEREAS, a passionate education advocate, Joe Mann served on the advisory boards of several institutions of higher learning, including the Textile Research Institute, North Carolina State University at Greensboro, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his accomplishments as a businessman and local leader, Joe Mann is featured in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America*; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of his community, Joe Mann served as a trustee of the Leadership Historic Triangle, was a founding member of the James City County Ambassadors Focus Group, and was a member of the Williamsburg Rotary Club and the Colonial Area Republican Men's Association; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the election of Republican officials and the advancement of Republican principles and values, Joe Mann was an active member of the Williamsburg-James City County Republican Committee for over 30 years, during which he served as chair and in various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many years of support for the Republican Party in Williamsburg, Joe Mann received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Williamsburg-James City County Republican Committee in 2019; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his son, Joseph, Joe Mann will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Carol; his two daughters, Mary Leigh and Susan, and their families; and numerous 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 Joe Allen Mann, Ph.D., who touched countless lives in the Williamsburg community as an entrepreneur, civic leader, and friend; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joe Allen Mann, Ph.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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