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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 96

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*Celebrating the life of John Walter Ainslie.*

Patrons—DeSteph and Cosgrove; Delegates: Austin, Batten, Bloxom, Campbell, J.L., Coyner, Davis, Edmunds, Hodges, Knight, Leftwich, Miyares, Mugler and Ware

WHEREAS, John Walter Ainslie, longtime home builder and beloved member of the Hampton Roads community, died on November 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Walter Ainslie was born to James and Gertrude Ainslie in Rockland, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ainslie built thousands of homes for the Hampton Roads community throughout his career with the leading home development companies in the region, including The Dragas Companies, R.G. Moore Building Corporation, and Benchmark Building Corporation, a company he started with his two sons over 35 years ago; and

WHEREAS, always willing to pass knowledge of his trade on to the next generation, Jack Ainslie taught business, marketing, and finance at Old Dominion University and Tidewater Community College and shared his expertise with other builders as a member of the Tidewater Builders Association; and

WHEREAS, an avid sailor who had traversed coastal waters from Canada to the Bahamas, Jack Ainslie was a member of the Broad Bay Sailing Association and the Town Point Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife, Janice, and his daughter, Susan, Jack Ainslie will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by his wife, Debbie; his children, Jeff and John, 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 John Walter Ainslie, prolific home builder and cherished member of the Hampton Roads community; and, be it

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

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