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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

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Celebrating the life of Jerry F. Morris.

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WHEREAS, Jerry F. Morris, an esteemed businessman and beloved member of the Rockingham community, died on February 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Fort Worth, Texas, Jerry Morris graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in television broadcasting and served six years in the Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, after a brief stint with the Packaging Corporation of America, Jerry Morris helped found Packaging Services, Inc., a corrugated box manufacturing plant in Weyers Cave; and

WHEREAS, over his career, Jerry Morris and his partners had tremendous success as their packaging companies expanded throughout the Mid-Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Jerry Morris also cofounded InterChange Group, a warehousing, logistics, and real estate development company based in Harrisonburg, greatly contributing to the success of other businesses in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Morris gave generously of his time and talents to various community and trade associations over the years, serving on the boards of Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Bridgewater College, and Fibre Box Association; and

WHEREAS, passionate about serving the nation's military heroes and their families, Jerry Morris was chairman of the board of Freedom Alliance, an organization providing college scholarships to the children of veterans and rehabilitation services to those wounded in combat; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of his local Rotary Club, Jerry Morris supported innumerable service endeavors for the benefit of others in his community; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Jerry Morris was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Morris will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Becky; his children, Tracy and Ricky, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jerry F. Morris, who touched countless lives in Rockingham County as a businessman, community 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 Jerry F. Morris as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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