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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 585

Celebrating the life of John William Hasty.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 3, 2020

WHEREAS, John William Hasty, an entrepreneur, civic servant, and respected pharmacist who served the residents of Gloucester County and the entire Commonwealth in numerous capacities, died on August 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in North Carolina, John Hasty moved to Virginia with his family at a young age and grew up in West Point; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Medical College of Virginia with a degree in pharmacy in 1956, John Hasty worked as a staff pharmacist in Franklin, then opened Plaza Pharmacy in Gloucester County in 1963; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty subsequently returned to West Point to open a second pharmacy, then added another location in Gloucester County; he stayed in the retail pharmacy business until 1988, when he became director of research training and development at the Professional Health Foundation at Peninsula Hospital in Hampton; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty served as executive director of the Virginia Pharmacists Association and coordinated the Virginia Pharmacists Aiding Pharmacists Program; he was an assistant clinical professor of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals at Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center for three decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, John Hasty became the first and only pharmacist to be appointed as executive director of the Department of Health Professions and served under two Virginia governors until his retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty earned several state and regional accolades for his contributions to the retail pharmacy industry and the field of pharmaceutical care, and he was recognized at the national level for his work to raise awareness of and prevent drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty served a three-year term as a member of the American Pharmacists Association Board of Trustees and later earned the organization's Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award and Hugh H. Schaefer Award for his outstanding professional achievements; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty established or held leadership positions with three local banks, and he offered his wisdom and expertise to industrial and economic development agencies in Gloucester County and the Northern Neck; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty was a trusted friend and an inspirational mentor to many peers and colleagues and generously volunteered his time with civic and service organizations to support all members of his community; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Bethany United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and held many leadership positions there, including chair of the building committee, the administrative board, and the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, John Hasty will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 64 years, Pat; his children, Deborah, Robin, Kelly, and Blair, 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 John William Hasty, a leader in pharmaceutical medicine and a champion for the Gloucester County community; 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 John William Hasty as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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