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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 273

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Celebrating the life of John Gilbert Stallings, Jr.

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WHEREAS, John Gilbert Stallings, Jr., a career banking and community leader, died on November 2, 2020, after fighting a rare cancer diagnosis with grace, strength, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, born in Durham, North Carolina, and raised in Fairfield, Connecticut, John Stallings graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, where he excelled in athletics and as yearbook editor; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1984 with bachelor's degrees in English and business and later earned a master's degree in business administration in 1993 from Washington University; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings had an outstanding banking career in Tennessee with National Commerce Financial, in North Carolina with National Commerce Financial and SunTrust Bank, and in the Commonwealth with SunTrust Bank and Atlantic Union Bank; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings was a prominent community leader throughout his career, serving on and leading numerous nonprofit boards and raising significant funds for worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings chaired the Virginia Bankers Association and the Greater Richmond YMCA Annual Fund and served on the boards of Venture Richmond, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Collegiate School in Richmond, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and the Science Museum of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the health and well-being of young people, John Stallings co-founded a youth lacrosse league in Raleigh, North Carolina, whose players went on to play in high schools throughout North Carolina and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings was presented in 2018 with the Humanitarian Award by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, recognizing his commitment "to promote respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds"; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings was honored in 2020 with a Living Legend Award from *Virginia Business Magazine*, a fitting tribute to a person who was such an impactful community leader throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, guided by his deep and abiding faith, John Stallings and his wife, Celeste, were founding members of Holy Trinity Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and more recently enjoyed worship and fellowship with their community at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland; and

WHEREAS, John Stallings will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of nearly 30 years, Celeste; his children, Will and Emily; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Gilbert Stallings, Jr., a respected banking and community leader who touched countless lives through his kindness and generosity; 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 Gilbert Stallings, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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