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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 344

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Celebrating the life of Gene Corrigan.

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WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan, an iconic leader in the world of college athletics, died in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan, a native of Baltimore, graduated from Loyola High School and served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan continued his education at Duke University, then subsequently began a long career with the University of Virginia as a lacrosse and soccer coach, then went on to serve as the university's director of athletics from 1971 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan subsequently worked as director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame until 1987, when he became commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan provided his visionary leadership to the Atlantic Coast Conference as commissioner until 1996 and, in addition, served as president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association from 1995 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan's contributions to college athletics throughout the country cannot be overstated, and his legacy lives on through the countless colleagues and student-athletes to whom he was a wise and trusted mentor; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan received many awards and accolades for his personal and professional achievements, including the prestigious Gold Medal from the National Football Foundation and the Alumnus of the Year award from Duke University, both in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1993, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, and the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gene Corrigan will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Lena; his children, Louise, Kathy, David, Kevin, Brian, Tim, and Boo, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gene Corrigan; 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 Gene Corrigan as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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