

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 508

Celebrating the life of Edward Paul Crapol.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Edward Paul Crapol, an inspirational educator at The College of William and Mary and a prolific scholar who made many contributions to the understanding of American history, died on January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the child of German immigrants, Edward "Ed" Crapol was a first-generation college student who worked multiple jobs to support himself while attending the State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crapol continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned master's and doctoral degrees; during that time, he studied under William Appleman Williams and was inspired to focus his academic career on American diplomatic history; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crapol joined the faculty of The College of William and Mary as a member of the history department in 1967 and taught many highly regarded courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crapol chaired the history department for several years and was selected as a chancellor in 1994; he also offered his leadership to multiple committees at The College of William and Mary, as well as to the Virginia Council of Human Relations to advocate for civil rights and racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crapol contributed to many scholarly publications, edited a collection of essays that resulted in a book on women in American foreign policy, and authored several books of his own, including *John Tyler, the Accidental President*, which is considered his finest work; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his achievements, Ed Crapol received the Thomas A. Graves, Jr. Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching, the Thomas Jefferson Award, and the Alumni Society's Faculty Service Award from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Ed Crapol inspired many young men and women to follow in his footsteps as historians and educators, and his legacy lives on through the many lives he touched over the course of his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one son, Andrew, Ed Crapol will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of more than 47 years, Jeanne; his children, Heidi, Jennifer, and Paul, and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Edward Paul Crapol; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Edward Paul Crapol as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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