

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81

Celebrating the life of Donn Casserly Hart, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 3, 2022
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Donn Casserly Hart, Jr., an accomplished builder, honorable United States Army reservist, and a beloved member of the Fredericksburg community, died on January 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the son of a United States Marine Corps general and a United States Navy nurse, Donn Hart spent some years of his childhood in Japan while largely growing up in the Mount Vernon area, where he met his wife, Donna, at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, after the birth of their first two children, Donn Hart and his family relocated to a house he built along the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg in 1975; and

WHEREAS, driven by his strong work ethic and commitment to excellence, Donn Hart founded several enterprises over his career, while proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Donn Hart's first venture as a builder, Hart Homes, led to the construction of hundreds of quality homes throughout the Commonwealth for the benefit of innumerable families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Donn Hart later co-founded Dominion Insulation, ably serving the building insulation needs of his customers for 20 years before selling the business in 1999; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Donn Hart established Virginia Properties, Inc., a family-run real estate and brokerage firm based in Spotsylvania County that has contributed immensely to the development of commercial, retail, medical, professional, and industrial properties in the region; and

WHEREAS, a born adventurer, Donn Hart embraced every opportunity to travel with family to cities around the world and also made regular trips to the beaches at the Outer Banks in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, with his agile and peripatetic mind, Donn Hart explored several hobbies in his lifetime, including hunting, fishing, and boating, while taking time to become a licensed pilot, an advanced scuba diver, and a cannon aficionado; and

WHEREAS, Donn Hart will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Donna; his children, Donnie, Jason, and Sara, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Donn Casserly Hart, Jr., an esteemed builder whose enthusiastic and wholehearted approach to life inspired all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Donn Casserly Hart, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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