

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 685

Celebrating the life of Robert Peter Lalor, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Robert Peter Lalor, Jr., a respected leader in the field of independent power producers and an active member of the Eastern Shore community, died on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Pete" Lalor grew up in New York City and Pinehurst, New York; he graduated from St. David's Academy and Admiral Farragut Academy, then earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor was selected as a Smithsonian Institution Fellow and spent two years working in Malaysia; he continued his education at the University of Virginia in 1982, earning a law degree and master of business administration degree; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor began his career as a civil engineer and worked in corporate law, then became a pioneer in the emerging market of independent power producers, working on projects related to hydroelectric power, combined heat and power, and natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor established Commonwealth Power Corporation, which provided energy-related services in Asia, Europe, and Latin America; he was an accomplished world traveler and a skilled linguist who opened an office in Egypt and oversaw the construction of subway cars for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport transit system; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor played a vital role in the development of an independent power plant in New Church that came on line in 2001 and provides a reliable source of power to his fellow residents of the Eastern Shore; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Pete Lalor was a dedicated philanthropist who worked to enhance the quality of life on the Eastern Shore; he was a longtime board member and former chair of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital and the Riverside Memorial Hospital Foundation as well as a member of the Riverside Health System board of directors; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Pete Lalor offered his leadership and expertise to the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation, the Eastern Shore Broadband Authority, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor was an avid sailor who navigated the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean in his youth and later sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on a 32-foot boat; he relished every opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors on the Eastern Shore, either kayaking on inland waters or sailing on Onancock Creek; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor was a longstanding member of the Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club and volunteered his time at the annual Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, where he was well known for making the tallest ice cream cones; and

WHEREAS, Pete Lalor will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 41 years, Deborah; his sons, Robert III and Matthew, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Peter Lalor, Jr., a highly admired resident of the Eastern Shore; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Peter Lalor, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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