

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 560

Celebrating the life of Carlyle Conwell Ring, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2023
Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2023

WHEREAS, Carlyle Conwell Ring, Jr., who represented Virginia as a longtime member of the Uniform Law Commission, died on August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Conwell "Connie" Ring, Jr., grew up in Chautauqua, New York, and graduated from Jamestown High School and Hamilton College; he enrolled in Columbia Law School, but transferred to Duke University School of Law to be closer to his future wife, Jane, after the couple met while working at a resort in his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Connie and Jane Ring relocated to Alexandria in 1956 and quickly became active members of the community; he was appointed to the Alexandria School Board where he served as a member for nine years, two of which he was chair of the board, playing a critical role in school integration; he also was a member of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority for 11 years, and served on the Alexandria City Council for nine years; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Connie Ring was appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to serve as a Virginia commissioner for the Uniform Law Commission, a nonprofit organization that provides states with model legislation to create legal clarity and stability across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Connie Ring proudly served as a commissioner for over 50 years, during which time he became chair of the Scope and Program Committee, the Executive Committee, and several nominating committees; chaired, co-chaired, or participated in drafting committees on a wide range of subjects; and was elected president of the Uniform Law Commission from 1983 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, Connie Ring took a special interest in the Uniform Commercial Code Committee and chaired it for over 25 years, helping the Uniform Commercial Code become one of the most widely adopted Uniform Acts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Connie Ring was a driving force and de facto chair in the Virginia Delegation even before he was officially selected as delegation chair, keeping the delegation on track and effective for over 30 years; during his tenure, Virginia adopted 50 of the 129 Uniform Acts recommended by the Uniform Law Commission; and

WHEREAS, Connie Ring inspired others through his genuine warmth and grace, civility, attention to detail, and incomparable work ethic; he was a trusted mentor and friend to countless colleagues in the Uniform Law Commission and helped build camaraderie and esprit de corps in both the Virginia Delegation and throughout the organization as a whole; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades for his accomplishments, Connie Ring was selected as a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2011, and he received the inaugural Charles S. Murphy Award for Achievement in Civic Service from Duke University; and

WHEREAS, Connie Ring will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 67 years, Jane; his children, Donna, Libby, Rusty, and Roddy, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Carlyle Conwell Ring, Jr.; 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 Carlyle Conwell Ring, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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