

2023 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 329

Celebrating the life of Marlin G. Lord.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023

WHEREAS, Marlin G. Lord, an esteemed architect and an active and beloved member of the Del Ray and Alexandria communities, died on October 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, shortly after earning architectural degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1960 and 1962, Marlin Lord settled in the Alexandria area and embarked upon an illustrious career as an architect; and

WHEREAS, one of Marlin Lord's major professional accomplishments as an architect involved developing a new design for Route 1, which promoted safety and the quality of life in Alexandria by straightening the Monroe Avenue Bridge, creating more parkland for Simpson Field, and enhancing the symmetry of the Potomac Yard development; and

WHEREAS, formerly president of the Del Ray Citizens Association and a founding member of Del Ray Artisans, Marlin Lord's indelible impact on the Del Ray community included revitalizing Mount Vernon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Marlin Lord made significant contributions to the betterment of Alexandria through his involvement with the King Street Gardens Park Foundation, Chinquapin Organic Gardens, the Alexandria Arts Forum, and myriad city committees and task forces such as the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission, on which he served for 20 years, including seven as chair; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his advocacy for the arts, Marlin Lord was also an accomplished photographer in his own right whose work was featured in several juried shows over the years; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his lasting legacy in Del Ray and Alexandria, Marlin Lord was named a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Marlin Lord will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Denise, Steve, and Cara, and by 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 Marlin G. Lord, whose generous and philanthropic spirit touched countless lives in Del Ray, Alexandria, and beyond; and, be it

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

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