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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 260

Offered January 12, 1995

On the death of John Raymond Baine.

Patrons—Waddell; Delegates: May and Mims

WHEREAS, John Raymond Baine of Waterford, a veteran of the Office of Strategic Services and the Central Intelligence Agency and a leading figure in the Waterford Players and the Waterford Foundation, died on December 9, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita College, Ray Baine successfully pursued a career in music, including appearances on Broadway and a contract with the Philadelphia

WHEREAS, Ray Baine's musical career was interrupted by World War II, when he was recruited into the Office of Strategic Services, serving in various intelligence assignments until the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, like many intelligence officers after the war, Ray Baine joined the Central Intelligence Agency, ultimately building a distinguished 25-year career in postings throughout Europe; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Ray Baine moved to the Loudoun County community of Waterford, where his interest in music and theater led him to the Waterford Players, whom he directed in a series of successful performances of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas; and

WHEREAS, long interested in historic preservation, Ray Baine served as president and treasurer of the Waterford Foundation; organized Leesburg's August Court Days as a bicentennial celebration under the auspices of the Loudoun Restoration and Preservation Society; and wrote and directed a short play about local involvement in the American Revolution that evolved into an annual series of Court Days dramas; and

WHEREAS, active in a wide variety of local and national organizations, Ray Baine was named Man of the Year in 1983 by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the passing of John Raymond Baine; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of John Raymond Baine as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his life of service to his community, to the Commonwealth, and to the nation.