

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 305

On the death of Frank Lenington Dewey.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 1996

WHEREAS, Frank Lenington Dewey, the author of the definitive study of Thomas Jefferson's legal career, died on December 2, 1995; and

WHEREAS, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, Frank Dewey was educated at Grinnell College and the Harvard University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Frank Dewey practiced law in New York City for over 30 years and served for nearly 10 years as the editor of the American Bar Association Journal, serving part of that time with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and

WHEREAS, a close friend of retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, who became his brother-in-law, Frank Dewey and his wife, Eleanor, moved to Williamsburg in 1970 following his retirement; and

WHEREAS, while working as a volunteer in The College of William and Mary Library, Frank Dewey discovered the unpublished legal papers of Thomas Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Frank Dewey's *Thomas Jefferson, Lawyer* was published by the University of Virginia Press and was hailed by Pulitzer-Prize-winning Jefferson scholar Dumas Malone as the definitive work on Jefferson's practice of law; and

WHEREAS, following a long and successful career in law, Frank Dewey came to Virginia and pursued a second career as a scholar, finding success at the age of 80; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the death of prominent attorney and noted Jefferson scholar Frank Lenington Dewey; 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 Frank Lenington Dewey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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