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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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Celebrating the life of Winter Calvert Cullen III.

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WHEREAS, Winter Calvert Cullen III, a respected member of the Accomack County community and a farmer who made numerous contributions to agriculture in the Commonwealth, died on November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mappsburg, Winter Cullen graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics, then returned to Accomack County to work on his family's farm; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, Winter Cullen operated Winmar Farms during the day, then officiated high school football games in the evenings; he subsequently became the primary operator of the farm from 1965 until his retirement in 1993; and

WHEREAS, as a former president and board member of the Virginia Soybean Association Market Development Foundation, Winter Cullen traveled to countries around the world to promote the purchase of American soybeans; and

WHEREAS, Winter Cullen further served the Commonwealth and the nation by offering his expertise to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, now known as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency, for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Winter Cullen also worked part-time at the Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agricultural Research Extension Center for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Winter Cullen was a life member of Painter-Garrison's United Methodist Church and volunteered his time with the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 683; he previously served as a member of the Little Pungo Ruritan Club and the Eastern Shore Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Winter Cullen was a master storyteller who worked to preserve the history and heritage of the Eastern Shore, and he and his boat, *Soybean II*, were well known among the local fishing community; and

WHEREAS, Winter Cullen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 61 years, Mary; his children, Winter IV, Kathy, and William, 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 Winter Calvert Cullen III, a hardworking member of the Accomack County community; 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 Winter Calvert Cullen III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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