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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 190

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Celebrating the life of Steven L. Ward.

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WHEREAS, Steven L. Ward, an esteemed businessman and beloved member of the Williamsburg and York County communities, died on November 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in New Orleans, Steven "Steve" Ward and his family eventually settled in the Virginia Peninsula in 1968, and he went on to graduate from Denbigh High School in Newport News five years later; and

WHEREAS, as founder and owner of Eastern Floor Covering in Newport News and Yorktown, Steve Ward masterfully served the flooring needs of customers in the Virginia Peninsula and surrounding areas for more than 44 years; and

WHEREAS, known for his business acumen, Steve Ward supported the growth and development of York County as past president of the York County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged citizen who gave amply of his time on behalf of his community, Steve Ward was a firefighter and rescue diver with the Newport News Fire Department for eight years; and

WHEREAS, unafraid to get loud, Steve Ward was a founding member of the rock band Joshua in the late 1960s and early 1970s and in more recent years loved to ride his custom-made Boss Hoss Cycles motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his mother, Joyce, Steve Ward will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 47 years, Mary; his children, Kristi and Daniel, and their families; his father, Claude; 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 Steven L. Ward, an accomplished businessman whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Steven L. Ward as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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