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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 452

Offered March 9, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Richard Van Evera Doud, Jr.*

Patrons—Hope; Senators: Ebbin and Howell

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Richard Van Evera Doud, Jr., a highly admired business leader in Arlington who made many contributions to the community, died on December 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Texas, Richard Doud moved to the Commonwealth with his family at a young age and graduated from what was then Washington-Lee High School in Arlington; he continued his education at Davidson College then began working for National Cash Register Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Doud subsequently opened three ComputerLand franchise stores in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area, with the Bethesda location becoming the largest such store in the world at one point; and

WHEREAS, after selling his interest in ComputerLand, Richard Doud launched several other entrepreneurial ventures and joined the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in 1990; and

WHEREAS, during his 23 years with the organization, Richard Doud established the Arlington Business Hall of Fame, the Community Action Committee, and Leadership Arlington, now known as the Leadership Center for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Richard Doud also assisted with the publication of the books *Where Valor Rests* and *Children of Valor*, which are presented to families of soldiers interred at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Richard Doud was well known as a prominent community leader in Arlington, including as a founding member of the Board of Regents of Leadership Arlington, founding member of the Overlee Community Pool Association, member of the Arlington County Economic Development Commission, chair of the Black Heritage Museum, and a volunteer with such organizations as Rebuilding Together and So Others Might Eat; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Richard Doud received the Chamber Executive of the Year award from the Virginia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from the United States Army, Legacy Award from Leadership Arlington, and Spirit of Community Award from Arlington Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Richard Doud enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where he served as a member of the vestry, an usher, and leader of the children's chapel; he and his wife, Frances, also helped organize the annual parish family retreat at Claggett Diocesan Center; and

WHEREAS, Richard Doud will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Frances; his children, Sarah, Laura, and Christian, 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 Richard Van Evera Doud, Jr., a pillar of the Arlington 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 Richard Van Evera Doud, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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