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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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Celebrating the life of Steven Clarke Crandall.

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WHEREAS, Steven Clarke Crandall, a trailblazing leader in the Commonwealth's craft beer brewing industry and a beloved husband, father, friend, and community leader in Roseland, died on May 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Steven "Steve" Crandall was born in Stuttgart, Germany, to the late Chauncey and Ruth Crandall; and

WHEREAS, Steve Crandall was a hardworking entrepreneur who managed the family business, Tectonics II Custom Homes, for many years; he was a natural leader who put people at ease with his warm personality and inspired others through his generosity of spirit; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Steve Crandall and his wife, Heidi, cofounded Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County, and the couple went on to play a vital role in the early days of Virginia's craft beer brewing movement; and

WHEREAS, under Steve and Heidi Crandall's leadership, Devils Backbone Brewing Company earned state and national accolades for its outstanding products and inspired countless other individuals throughout the Commonwealth to pursue careers as brewers; and

WHEREAS, Steve Crandall relished every opportunity to spend time on his family farm, Hat Creek Farm, where he enjoyed tending to the land and searching for Civil War and Native American artifacts; he was an avid outdoorsman and traveled throughout the United States and the world for hunting trips; and

WHEREAS, Steve Crandall imparted his passion for the great outdoors to young people as a leader in his local Boy Scouts of America troop; and

WHEREAS, Steve Crandall will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 36 years, Heidi; his children, Brittany, Justin, and Mallory, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Steven Clarke Crandall, an entrepreneur and highly admired member of the Roseland community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Steven Clarke Crandall as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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