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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

Offered January 17, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Michael F. Gelardi, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, Michael F. Gelardi, Sr., an esteemed builder and developer and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on December 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, vice president of ESG Enterprises, Inc., since 1978, Michael "Mike" Gelardi contributed immensely to the development of residential, commercial, and recreational properties in Virginia Beach throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gelardi's impressive portfolio included homes and apartments, marinas, shopping centers, hotels, restaurants, waterparks, military bases, and a space center, all built for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gelardi's demonstrable leadership and expertise led to gubernatorial appointments to both the Board for Contractors within the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Board of Housing and Community Development within the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, deeply invested in the well-being of the Virginia Beach community, Mike Gelardi gave generously of his time by overseeing both the construction of the Tidewater Veterans Memorial Park and renovations to the Star of the Sea Catholic Church and its school; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gelardi was a lifelong learner who loved to get at the heart of issues through hours of in-depth research, and he could be readily depended upon by his family, friends, and neighbors for advice or support in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, an adoring and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mike Gelardi was most satisfied when spending quality time with his large and ever-growing family; and

WHEREAS, Mike Gelardi will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Susan; his children, Michael, Jr., Joseph, John, and Michelle, 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 Michael F. Gelardi, Sr., an accomplished builder and developer whose compassion and dedication were an inspiration to many; and, be it

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

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