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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65

Offered January 20, 2022

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Frank DuVal Hargrove, Sr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank DuVal Hargrove, Sr., a former member of the House of Delegates who made many contributions to life in the Commonwealth and had a transformative impact on Hanover County, died on October 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hargrove developed a love of travel at a young age and began learning to fly airplanes as a teenager; he was a standout football player at Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, then joined the United States Army after graduation in 1945 and served as part of the Allied occupation of Japan; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Frank Hargrove attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on a football scholarship and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration; he was best known in his college years for his daring exploits in his private plane, including once landing in the middle of campus; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hargrove pursued a career in the insurance business and established what became one of the largest independent insurance agencies in the Commonwealth, A.W. Hargrove Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hargrove continued flying, and even spotted his beloved family home, Cool Water, from the air; in the late 1960s, he worked with a group of friends to promote the establishment of Hanover County Municipal Airport, the airfield at which is now named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Frank Hargrove ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates and represented the residents of the 55th District from 1982 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a state lawmaker, Frank Hargrove introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians and was a staunch advocate for the abolition of the death penalty; he served on the Commerce and Labor Committee, the Privileges and Elections Committee, and the Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hargrove was a longtime champion for the Virginia War Memorial and played an instrumental role in the restoration of the Shrine of Memory and other facilities; he also led fundraising efforts to support the construction of the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Frank Hargrove proudly volunteered his leadership and expertise to many other organizations, including the governing bodies of Ferrum College and Randolph-Macon College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his passion for flying, Frank Hargrove was a self-taught sailor who served as commodore of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club and competed in regattas throughout the United States; never one to shy away from a challenge, he also took up long-distance running and cycling in later life; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Oriana, Frank Hargrove will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Dale, Frank, Jr., Stewart, and Wellesley, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 Frank DuVal Hargrove, Sr., a pillar of the Hanover County community; and, be it

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

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