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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 304

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*Celebrating the life of Franklin Esby Vehorn.*

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WHEREAS, Franklin Esby Vehorn, an honorable veteran and accomplished sportswriter whose columns in the *Norfolk Ledger-Star* and the *Virginian-Pilot* informed and delighted readers for many years, died on June 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Franklin "Frank" Vehorn served his country with courage and valor as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vehorn worked many years for the *Norfolk Ledger-Star* and later the *Virginian-Pilot*, covering area sports such as the American Basketball Association's Virginia Squires, Atlantic Coast Conference teams, and the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vehorn's long and illustrious career in sports journalism also included posts as reporter and editor at various papers in the Carolinas, and he was the author of *The Intimidator: The Dale Earnhardt Story: An Unauthorized Biography*; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vehorn was admired by readers and colleagues alike for the depth of his reporting and the quality of his writing; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the advancement of his industry, Frank Vehorn founded what would become the National Motorsports Press Association, serving as the organization's president for many years, and was a trusted and valued mentor to scores of younger reporters; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vehorn will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife Esther; his children, Andrew, Steven, and Bill; 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 Franklin Esby Vehorn, famed chronicler of Norfolk-area sports whose incisive reporting brightened 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 Franklin Esby Vehorn as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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