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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 107

Offered February 14, 2022

Celebrating the life of Lawrence Lee Sutton.

Patron—Cosgrove

WHEREAS, Lawrence Lee Sutton, a respected community leader in Virginia Beach, died on December 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Perquimans County, North Carolina, Lawrence "Larry" Sutton served his country as a member of the United States Army and settled in Virginia Beach in 1970 to raise his family; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton worked as a state sales director for Anheuser-Busch and enjoyed bringing the company's Clydesdale horse mascots to the area for community events; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton subsequently joined Hoffman Beverage Company and worked his way up to become president before retiring after a 37-year career with the company; he was highly admired in the industry and served as a member of both the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association and the National Beer Wholesalers Association; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton enriched cultural life in Virginia Beach through his longtime involvement with the Neptune Festival; he joined the Royal Order in 1984, served as chair of the festival in 1995, and was selected as King Neptune in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton was an avid golfer who played until the age of 85, and over the years, he sponsored or established many charitable golf tournaments to benefit worthy causes, including the annual Neptune Festival Charity Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton was a founding member of Monarch Bank and Bayville Golf Club and volunteered his time and leadership to Lynnhaven Masonic Lodge No. 220 and Khedive Shrine Center; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sutton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 65 years, Carolyn; his daughters, Denise and Laura, 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 Lawrence Lee Sutton; and, be it

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

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