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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered February 3, 2022

Celebrating the life of William Franklin LaVecchia.

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WHEREAS, William Franklin LaVecchia, honorable veteran and esteemed former county manager of Henrico County, died on November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, William "Bill" LaVecchia enlisted with the United States Army, serving his country with honor and valor during both World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, following his service, Bill LaVecchia attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in municipal engineering and public administration; and

WHEREAS, after completing his studies, Bill LaVecchia took a position as assistant city manager and city engineer of Athens, Tennessee, returning shortly thereafter to Blacksburg to serve as the locality's town manager; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Bill LaVecchia joined Henrico County as a planning administrator, receiving a promotion to deputy county manager for planning and inspections in 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Henrico County named Bill LaVecchia acting county manager in May 1984 and formally installed him in the position a month later; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as county manager, Bill LaVecchia was known for emphasizing clear and honest communication between both agency leaders and employees and the county government and the residents it served; and

WHEREAS, Bill LaVecchia guided Henrico County during a period of tremendous growth, overseeing the development of various schools, libraries, fire stations, and other public services, as well as the establishment of the Eastern Government Center in eastern Henrico County; and

WHEREAS, beyond his work as county manager, Bill LaVecchia selflessly volunteered his time in support of his community, logging 65 years of perfect attendance as a Rotarian, the last 60 of which he fulfilled as a member of the Sandston Rotary Club; he also served on the boards of the former Virginia United Methodist Homes and Covenant Woods; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Bill LaVecchia enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Fairmount United Methodist Church in Richmond, serving in leadership capacities with the church and various district and conference committees over the years; and

WHEREAS, in memoriam and in recognition of Bill LaVecchia's extraordinary contributions to the community he served, the current county manager of Henrico County, John Vithoulkas, ordered the Henrico County flag to be lowered to half-staff at all county buildings and facilities for two weeks; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife, Elma, Bill LaVecchia will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Frances; his children, Donald and David, 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 William Franklin LaVecchia, a distinguished veteran and public servant whose wisdom and compassion touched countless lives; and, be it

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

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