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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 280

Offered February 6, 2014

Celebrating the life of Joseph Charles Palumbo.

Patrons—Toscano, Albo, Anderson, Bell, Robert B., Fariss, Garrett, Gilbert, Howell, W.J., Ingram, Krupicka, Landes, Lingamfelter, Massie, McClellan, Morrissey, Plum, Rust and Surovell; Senators: Black, Deeds, Edwards, McEachin and Reeves

WHEREAS, Joseph Charles Palumbo of Charlottesville, an outstanding football player at the University of Virginia, whose talent on the field was matched by his success in business and generosity of spirit, died on December 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Palumbo was one of the country's best defensive linemen; he played collegiate football from 1949 to 1951, and the Cavaliers' won-lost record in those years was 23 - 5; and

WHEREAS, while Joe Palumbo's fierce competitive spirit on the gridiron is well remembered by fellow team members and opponents, his drive to succeed in business and his unswerving commitment to the Charlottesville community made him a great and beloved leader; and

WHEREAS, as a businessman with a successful insurance agency, Joe Palumbo supported many worthwhile causes in the Charlottesville area; he also instilled his desire to help others in his family, his friends, and his business associates; and

WHEREAS, among the many honors Joe Palumbo received in his life were the Rotary Club of Charlottesville naming him a Paul Harris Fellow, and he also was honored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Blue Ridge chapter with its Silver Hope Award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Palumbo was one of only six people to have his player number retired by the University of Virginia; he also was a member of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, family came first in Joe Palumbo's life; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sandra; daughters, Page and Penny, and their families; and many 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 Joseph Charles Palumbo, a great athlete whose determination and perseverance in sports carried over into all areas of a full and fruitful life; 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 Joseph Charles Palumbo as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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