

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of George F. Staudter, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; George F. Staudter was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of George F. Staudter, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, George F. Staudter of Suffolk, Virginia, died on Friday, May 14, 2021, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, to Clemens and Anna (Aulbach) Staudter in 1931, George F. Staudter graduated from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, George F. Staudter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served as crew chief of the First Marine Helicopter Squadron in the Korean War, flying more than 20 combat missions and achieving the prestigious Air Medal award; and

WHEREAS, After graduating with a degree in accounting from Adelphi University, George F. Staudter began his professional career at Long Island Savings Bank; he went on to become a certified public accountant and rose to the esteemed position of audit manager before taking the assistant corporate controller position at Sylvania Electric in Camillus, New York; and

WHEREAS, George F. Staudter then returned to Arthur Andersen as audit manager for international clients, and eventually joined Worthington Pump International as vice president of finance; after a brief stint as chief financial officer for Champion Paper and US Plywood, he then became vice president and general auditor of CBS, and later retired from Revlon as vice president and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, The second phase of George F. Staudter's business life began in 1980, when he and his wife became owner-operators of the Hartness House, a 42-room country inn located in Springfield, Vermont; seven successful years later, the couple sold the inn and moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, where George joined Douglas Capital Management; and

WHEREAS, George F. Staudter lent his financial and management expertise to Golf Cart Systems, Family Steak Houses of Florida and Koger Equity while serving on the Board of Directors and chairing the audit

committee at Waterhouse Securities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this endeavor, at the behest of his good friend Larry Waterhouse, led to his role as chairman of the mutual funds committee at Toronto Dominion; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, George F. Staudter served as a mentor to many, truly earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Suffolk for more than two decades, George F. Staudter was active in the community, serving as president of the North Suffolk Men's Club, board member of the Western Tidewater Free Clinic and president of the Cedar Point Country Club; he was also a member of the Glebe Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, George F. Staudter loved to travel and spent quiet moments building model cars, reading and writing; he was the kind of friend who always kept in touch; he also regularly produced his own hot sauce from datil peppers and self-published a memoir, **By George**; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife of 43 years, Cherrill "Sherry" Rusk Staudter, George F. Staudter is survived by three sons, Kurt Staudter (Patti), Thomas Staudter (Carol), and Robert Staudter (Tamra); three stepdaughters, Jane Zimmermann (Bill), Shelly Ellery, and Brooke Johnson (Rickey); nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, George F. Staudter's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, George F. Staudter leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of George F. Staudter, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of George F. Staudter.