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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 701

Offered October 29, 2025

Celebrating the life of Donald Richard Davenport.

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WHEREAS, Donald Richard Davenport, an enterprising business executive, devoted activist, and beloved member of the Caroline County community, died on May 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, raised in Richmond, Donald Davenport moved to New York City as a teenager and was present during the historic Stonewall uprising of 1969, a series of protests often credited with being the foundational moment of the gay liberation movement of the late 20th century; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, Donald Davenport served as chief executive officer of Davenport Unger Enterprises, LLC, a family-owned commercial and residential construction company, working tirelessly to enhance a variety of businesses and homes throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Donald Davenport worked passionately over the years to advocate for equality and LGBTQ+ rights in his roles as both fundraising vice chair of the Caroline County Democratic Committee and as vice chair for outreach and membership with the LGBTQ+ caucus of the Democratic Party of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Donald Davenport drew from his expertise as both a business leader and activist while serving as a member of the board of the Richmond Business Alliance between 2013 and 2018, guiding the Gay Community Center of Richmond's efforts to foster unity between the Richmond LGBTQ+ community and the city's business community at large; and

WHEREAS, Donald Davenport will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving husband, Charles; his son, Stephen; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Donald Richard Davenport, a treasured member of the Caroline County community whose generosity and dedication inspired all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Donald Richard Davenport as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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