

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 256

*Celebrating the life of Charles Lorraine Cabell.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2026  
Agreed to by the Senate, March 11, 2026

WHEREAS, Charles Lorraine Cabell, an esteemed attorney and passionate philanthropist whose legacy of service, leadership, and generosity had a profound impact on the Richmond community, died on June 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Charles Cabell graduated from the Collegiate School, then earned a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney College and a law degree from The College of William & Mary; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cabell pursued a career as an attorney, becoming a partner at the firm Williams Mullen, where he was respected for his expertise in real estate, land use, estate planning, and business law; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cabell's wise insights, dependability, and quiet leadership made him a trusted advisor and mentor to generations of clients and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Charles Cabell guided transformative grantmaking projects to support education, historic preservation, the arts, and social services as president of The Cabell Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cabell also served as chair of the Virginia Museum of History & Culture Board of Trustees, The Commonwealth Club Board of Governors, and the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Board of Trustees; he was also named as a trustee emeritus of Hampden-Sydney College; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cabell was an avid open-water fisherman, who was a legend in the sportfishing community for his determination, knowledge, and unshakeable patience; he fished out of Pirate's Cove, North Carolina, until after his retirement, when he relocated his boat to Quepos, Costa Rica, and spent his later years fishing the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cabell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Elizabeth; his daughters, Katherine, Margaret, and Jordan, and their families; his stepson, Hunter, and his family; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Charles Lorraine Cabell, a respected attorney and a pillar of the Richmond community who touched countless lives through his civic engagement; 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 Charles Lorraine Cabell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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