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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2038

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*Celebrating the life of John Fredrick Reinhart.*

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WHEREAS, John Fredrick Reinhart, an esteemed leader in the maritime industry who strengthened the Commonwealth's economy through his achievements as chief executive officer and executive director of the Virginia Port Authority, died on April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, born to Marge and Robert Reinhart in Columbus, Ohio, John Reinhart began to raise his own family in Ohio before relocating to New Jersey, where he worked for the shipping company Maersk in the human resources department; and

WHEREAS, John Reinhart subsequently moved to Virginia Beach and became the president of Maersk Line, Limited, owner and operator of the largest United States-flagged container ship fleet in international commercial service, from 2004 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, John Reinhart joined the Virginia Port Authority and helped to advance the productivity, safety, and economic impact of the ports throughout the Commonwealth through his visionary leadership over the next six years; and

WHEREAS, highly admired in the maritime industry, John Reinhart provided his leadership and expertise to a wide range of advisory boards and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, John Reinhart will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary; his children, Jennifer and Samuel, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Fredrick Reinhart, who played a vital role in maritime trade and commerce as chief executive officer and executive director of the Virginia Port Authority; and, be it

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

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