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SENATOR BILL DESTEPH MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN HAGER

“It is with deep sadness that I share the news of the passing of Former Lieutenant Governor John Henry Hager. The Commonwealth of Virginia lost an inspirational leader today, but I am also struck personally by the loss of such an honorable man and dear friend.”

“John Hager served as Virginia’s 37th Lieutenant Governor from 1998 to 2002. He also served as a Director of Virginia’s Homeland Security and as an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education. He would always make it a point to say hello to everyone and offer a kind word or funny story. As Lieutenant Governor, he would ensure that people clearly understood the significance of the laws we passed and the impact on the lives of our citizens.”

“Albert Einstein once said, ‘A life lived for others, is a life well-lived.’ My good friend John Hager was indeed devoted to public service; from his military service in the United States Army, where he rose to the rank of Captain, to his service as a Chairman for the Republican Party. The Governor has ordered the flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia to be flown at half-staff for ten days in honor and memory of Former Lieutenant Governor John Henry Hager.”

“I offer my most sincere condolences to Maggie, Jack, Henry, John’s grandchildren, and the entire extended Hager family, as well as his many friends and colleagues.”