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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 830

Offered January 23, 2001

On the death of James R. F. Woods.

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WHEREAS, James R. F. Woods of Fairfax City, a decorated veteran of World War II and a valued advisor to many Northern Virginia political leaders, died on November 20, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pecos, Texas, Jim Woods was attending the University of California at Berkeley when Pearl Harbor was attacked; and

WHEREAS, Jim Woods enlisted in the U.S. Army; served with the 320th Infantry, 35th Division; was wounded in action and was part of the second wave at Normandy; and was decorated for valor with the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, a longtime employee of the federal government, Jim Woods worked with the Department of the Army and the Post Office Department; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Jim Woods was president of the corporate board of the American Legion in Fairfax, and he was an active member of many community-service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Woods was a former chairman of the Fairfax City Planning Commission, served on the Electoral Board, and was active with high school and Little League athletics; and

WHEREAS, an ardent supporter of Republican political candidates, including his wife, former Senator Jane Woods, Jim Woods was well-known and widely respected for his political acumen, fierce loyalty, and unshakeable determination; and

WHEREAS, Jim Woods leaves a matchless legacy of service to friends and family, his community, the Commonwealth, and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a uniquely valuable Virginian, James R. F. Woods; 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 James R. F. Woods as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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