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Celebrating the life of Dr. Howard D. Kahn.

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WHEREAS, Howard D. Kahn, O.D., respected optometrist and lifelong advisor to the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc., died on March 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after achieving the rank of lieutenant junior grade in the United States Navy during World War II, Howard Kahn left the military to begin his practice of optometry in Virginia Beach in 1951; and

WHEREAS, in his practice of optometry, Dr. Kahn was a pioneer and leader of the specialty of developmental vision and vision therapy, helping hundreds of patients who were thought to have learning disabilities overcome their visual deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the nonsurgical techniques Dr. Kahn developed to straighten eyes that were crossed and to improve vision in eyes labeled "lazy" are still used successfully today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kahn was an author and lecturer and well respected by students, parents, teachers, and administrators for his ability to diagnose and remediate vision-related learning disorders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kahn served as president of the Virginia Optometric Association, received its Optometrist of the Year honor, and also received the Virginia Optometric Association's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, one of Dr. Kahn's proudest achievements was his valuable role in the founding of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kahn was chairman of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Advisory Board and a member of the Board of the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 Dr. Kahn taught the initial first aid course to the charter members of the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad, enabling them to meet state standards; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad honored Dr. Kahn with a life membership for his commitment and outstanding service to the rescue squad and the citizens of Virginia Beach; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of an outstanding public servant and fine Virginia gentlemen, Dr. Howard D. Kahn; 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 Dr. Howard D. Kahn as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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