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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 456

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*Celebrating the life of Allen Hampton Kitchens.*

Patrons—Whipple and Ticer; Delegates: Brink, Eisenberg and Englin

WHEREAS, Allen Hampton Kitchens, a respected citizen and civic leader in Arlington, died on August 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Allen Kitchens grew up in Arkansas and attended the University of Arkansas, where he earned an undergraduate degree in history and attended law school; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Arkansas, Allen Kitchens was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and attended the Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he became a first lieutenant and served as courts and board officer; he then served as a captain in the Army Reserve from 1960 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, his love of history led Allen Kitchens to seek a master's degree in history (1963) and then a doctorate in political and diplomatic history (1971), both from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, from 1960 to 1964, Allen Kitchens was a historian in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, and in 1965 he began working at the State Department, holding a number of positions in the Office of the Historian before moving in 1980 to the Bureau of Intelligence and Research; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the State Department, Allen Kitchens was awarded the Intelligence Community Medal of Merit and the John Jacob Rogers Award for Distinguished Service; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the State Department in 1995, Allen Kitchens became treasurer to Virginia State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, a position he held until his death; and

WHEREAS, always passionate about local history, Allen Kitchens served as chairman of the Arlington County Historical Commission and as president of the Arlington County Historical Society, and he wrote a booklet on historic Arlington as well as helping to edit a pictorial history of the county; and

WHEREAS, his sense of civic duty led Allen Kitchens to be a member and later chairman of the Arlington County Planning Commission and a member of the Arlington Committee of 100, a civic organization that brings together community leaders for monthly dinner meetings where issues and concerns facing Arlington County are discussed; and

WHEREAS, always concerned with the welfare of his neighbors and the community at large, Allen Kitchens was a faithful member of and leader in the Church of the Covenant in Arlington; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of a dedicated civic leader and a fine Virginian, Allen Hampton Kitchens; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Allen Hampton Kitchens as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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