

2007 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 456

Celebrating the life of Allen Hampton Kitchens.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 2007
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2007

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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