SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 535

Offered February 19, 2007

Celebrating the life of Max Carrol Chapman.

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WHEREAS, Max Carrol Chapman, a retired Marine Corps colonel, died at his home in Portsmouth on February 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a native of Anderson County, South Carolina, Max Chapman was born on November 30, 1915, to William Ennis Chapman and Lilly Garrison Chapman; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Clemson College (now Clemson University) in 1936, Max Chapman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Chapman served aboard the USS *Saratoga*, and later, during World War II, he participated in the Solomon Islands, Guam, and Okinawa campaigns; and

WHEREAS, during the Korean War, Colonel Chapman spent a year in command of an anti-aircraft artillery battalion that participated in the defense of Pusan; and

WHEREAS, from 1956 to 1957, Colonel Chapman commanded the 6th Marine Regiment based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and in 1958, he attended the Imperial Defence College in London (now the Royal College of Defence Studies); and

WHEREAS, Colonel Chapman's military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Korean War Service Medal issued by President Syngman Rhee of Korea; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring in 1961, Colonel Chapman became president of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, and in 1969, he and his wife moved to Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Chapman was very involved in the Portsmouth community, organizing the Junior ROTC program at Churchland High School and serving as president of the Portsmouth Humane Society for 25 years and as chairman of the Portsmouth Republican City Committee; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Chapman will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his wife of 67 years, Helen, their son and seven grandchildren, and many other dear family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Max Carrol Chapman, a true patriot and a fine Virginian; and, be it

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