HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 441

Celebrating the life of Ralph D. Stevenson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2008 Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2008

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Stevenson of Virginia Beach, a respected citizen and United States Navy veteran, died on February 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Stevenson had a 26-year career in the United States Navy during which he served on a variety of ship and shore stations including the USS *Purdy*, USS *Estes*, USS *Okinawa*, USS *Compton*, USS *Hazelwood*, USS *R. H. McCard*, and the Naval Supply Center at Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Stevenson concluded his naval career as the First Command Master Chief for the Navy Resale and Services Support Office, a position in which he opened new lines of communication with senior command elements about issues directly affecting enlisted personnel worldwide; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Navy in 1983, Ralph Stevenson began a new career in real estate and assisted many military and civilian families moving to and from the Hampton Roads area; in 1996 he founded All/Pros Realty, Inc., where he was president and principal broker; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Stevenson was active in professional organizations such as the National Association of Realtors, the National Association of Residential Property Managers, and the Hampton Roads Realtors Association; he was also past president of a local Toastmasters International club; and

WHEREAS, an outgoing person who loved spending time with his family and friends, Ralph Stevenson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Tammy; his sisters, Dee and Margaret; his brother, Charles; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ralph D. Stevenson, a true patriot and a fine Virginian; 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 Ralph D. Stevenson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.