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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 106

Celebrating the life of John Tenneson Ticer.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2008
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2008

WHEREAS, John Tenneson Ticer of Alexandria, a beloved citizen and an outstanding public servant, died on August 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, born in Alexandria in 1923, John "Jack" Ticer graduated in 1940 from George Washington High School, and after beginning his college education, was deployed to Europe to serve his country on the front lines in Germany as a combat engineer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Jack Ticer returned to the University of Virginia to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering in 1948; and he worked for many years in sales for Westinghouse Electric and Atlantic Research; and

WHEREAS, following his parents' fine example of public service, Jack Ticer served with distinction on the Alexandria City Council from 1955 to 1958 and again from 1963 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as councilman and throughout his life, Jack Ticer was an impassioned advocate to preserve Alexandria's most cherished historic sites, and he voted against widespread urban renewal, specifically, a project that would eventually destroy three blocks of Old Town Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Jack Ticer joined the Senate Armed Services Committee as its exemplary chief clerk and became the trusted aide of committee chair, Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, because of his considerable knowledge in matters of defense and the operations of government, Jack Ticer served as a management analyst with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from 1981 until his retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, a great supporter of providing quality higher education for Virginia's young people, Jack Ticer served as an invaluable member and former chairman of the board that established George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, a third generation Alexandrian, Jack Ticer was a knowledgeable and influential member of the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Jack Ticer gave his time and considerable talents to many civic and professional organizations, including as president of the Alexandria Library Company and the Washington chapter of what is now the National Defense Industrial Association; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Jack Ticer enthusiastically worked behind the scenes to support his wife in her public service: first as a council member and mayor for the City of Alexandria and then as a member of the Senate of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ticer was a faithful member of Alexandria's historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he was active in the church's many missions in the community and a member of the vestry; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the quality of life of all of his fellow Virginians, Jack Ticer will be fondly remembered for his integrity and humility, as well as his courtly manner and signature bow ties and greatly missed by his loving wife, Senator Patsy Ticer; his four devoted children John T. Ticer, Jr., Margaret Janowsky, Catherine Ticer, and Virginia Baechler and their families, including five wonderful grandchildren; his numerous other family members and friends; and the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the passing of a dedicated public servant and outstanding Virginian, John Tenneson Ticer; and, be it

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

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