HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

Celebrating the life of Alexander Victor Kissal.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2010 Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2010

WHEREAS, Alexander Victor Kissal of Richmond, a retired law-enforcement professional, died on December 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard during World War II at Block Island, Rhode Island, until his honorable discharge in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal joined the Washington, D.C., Police Department in 1945; he was a member of the Police Pistol Team and was highly regarded for his expert marksmanship, professionalism, and commitment to enforcing the laws and protecting the public; and

WHEREAS, trusted and respected as a law-enforcement officer, Alexander Kissal joined the Uniform Division, White House Police, United States Secret Service in 1957; and

WHEREAS, for the next 12 years, Alexander Kissal served as part of an elite law-enforcement body charged with protecting the safety and security of the White House complex and other key government buildings and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal also served as captain of the White House Pistol Team, whose members worked diligently to hone and maintain their expert marksmanship and sharpshooting skill level; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal proudly served under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon; he was humbled and honored to receive awards from both Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal enjoyed his well-deserved retirement playing golf and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, while Alexander Kissal enjoyed a long and fruitful life serving and protecting others, he was also a devoted family man who delighted in raising his five outstanding children, including long-time attorney with the Division of Legislative Services, Maria Everett; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Kissal will be greatly missed by his devoted wife, Katherine; their five children, Andreas, Gary, Joanne, Bruce, and Maria and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a dedicated law-enforcement professional and outstanding Virginian, Alexander Victor Kissal; 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 Alexander Victor Kissal as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.