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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 257

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Celebrating the life of Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

Patrons—Landes, Bell, Robert B., Fariss and Toscano; Senators: Deeds and Reeves

WHEREAS, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, a legendary diplomat who served the United States with great distinction as he forged strong relationships with leaders of countries around the world, died on June 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and United States Army veteran, Lawrence Eagleburger received his education at the University of Wisconsin before he embarked on a career in the foreign service that would span several decades and eventually lead to his appointment as Secretary of State under President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, a career foreign service officer, Lawrence Eagleburger understood the complexities that existed in increasingly interconnected global affairs and provided candid counsel on how to handle delicate foreign policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Eagleburger gained valuable experience as the executive assistant to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during the Nixon administration; spent several years in Yugoslavia after his appointment as ambassador to the country by President Carter; and returned to the United States to serve as assistant secretary of state and undersecretary of state under President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, after his appointment as deputy secretary of state in 1989, Lawrence Eagleburger became the first career foreign service officer to become Secretary of State when President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the position; and

WHEREAS, a skillful administrator and respected diplomat, Lawrence Eagleburger played a pivotal role in the management of the State Department while also undertaking key assignments abroad at critical junctures in world affairs; and

WHEREAS, following his exemplary diplomatic career, Lawrence Eagleburger provided insightful guidance, leadership, and support to several organizations, serving as the chair of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims, a member of the Iraq Study Group headed by former Secretary of State James Baker, and a supporter of Global Zero, an international movement seeking to eliminate nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, a favorite among students when he taught at the University of Virginia, located near his home outside Charlottesville, Lawrence Eagleburger shared his experiences and knowledge with his characteristic wit and forthright manner; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his country, Lawrence Eagleburger embodied the ideals of a public servant and diplomat, masterfully handling the intricacies of dynamic global interactions with an uncommon zeal and intelligence; 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 an extraordinary Virginian and revered statesman, Lawrence S. Eagleburger; 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 Lawrence S. Eagleburger as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and gratefulness for his devoted service to the nation.

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