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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 185

Offered January 20, 2014

Celebrating the life of Thomas J. Fannon.

Patrons—Krupicka, Bulova, Filler-Corn, Herring, Hope, Kory, LeMunyon, Lopez, Morrissey, Plum, Sickles, Simon, Surovell, Torian and Watts; Senators: Barker, Ebbin and Saslaw

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Fannon, a respected businessman and active contributor to the Alexandria community, died on November 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Alexandria, Thomas "T. J." Fannon attended St. John's High School in Washington, D.C., and went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame in 1952; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, T. J. Fannon honorably served his country as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, T. J. Fannon returned to Alexandria and became the president of T. J. Fannon and Sons, a highly regarded heating and air conditioning company founded by his grandfather in 1885 as a wood and coal business; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving the community as an honest and fair businessman, T. J. Fannon generously supported local organizations, including the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, the Boys and Girls Club, Senior Services of Alexandria, youth sports leagues, and The Fund for Alexandria's Child; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to bettering the lives of his fellow Alexandria residents, T. J. Fannon served as a member of the board of the Inova Alexandria Hospital, a past president of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, known for his selfless charitable work and support for community organizations, T. J. Fannon was named as one of the Living Legends of Alexandria in 2009; and

WHEREAS, T. J. Fannon also earned the At Home in Alexandria Community Spirit Award in October 2013 for his work with an organization that helps older Alexandria residents continue living in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, T. J. Fannon enjoyed skiing, sailing, bicycling, and hiking at different locales around the world; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Susan, T. J. Fannon is fondly remembered and deeply missed by his children, Thomas, Susan, Jack, and Sarah, 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 hereby note with great sadness the loss of Thomas J. Fannon, a pillar of the Alexandria community; 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 Thomas J. Fannon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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