

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 111

Celebrating the life of Joseph Edward Coleman, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 14, 2014

WHEREAS, Joseph Edward Coleman, Jr., of Catlett, a proud veteran of the United States Armed Forces and a respected community leader in Fauquier County, died on March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hawkinsville, Georgia, Joseph Coleman enlisted in the United States Navy after graduating from high school; he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Joseph Coleman enrolled in Anderson Junior College in South Carolina, now known as Anderson University, and joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve while he was a student; he later received a degree from the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Joseph Coleman was called to active duty by the United States Marine Corps (USMC); during his military career, he attended Officer Candidates School; Amphibious Warfare School, now known as the Expeditionary Warfare School; a chemical, biological, and radiological school; the United States Army Ranger School; a USMC mountain leadership course; a USMC counter-guerrilla warfare school; and the Armed Forces Staff College, now known as the Joint Forces Staff College; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of active duty in the Marine Corps, Joseph Coleman was stationed in Korea and Vietnam, where he served three tours of active duty; before he retired, he had achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Coleman enjoyed sharing stories of his military career and said that his most meaningful work was training second lieutenants—demonstrating realistic leadership skills and showing them how to lead soldiers into battle with a minimal loss of life; and

WHEREAS, community leadership was a hallmark of Joseph Coleman's life; he was chair of the Fauquier County Social Services Board, a fundraiser for local law-enforcement causes, and a member of the local Ruritan Club and American Legion post; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Joseph Coleman enjoyed worship and fellowship with the community at Zoar Baptist Church; he had served as a deacon in the church since 2006; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by Una, his wife of 63 years, and a son, Joel, Joseph Coleman will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his children, Andrew, Cecily, Christian, and Susan, and their families; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joseph Edward Coleman, Jr., of Catlett, a proud veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, and a dedicated community leader; 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 Joseph Edward Coleman, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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