

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

Celebrating the life of Benjamin George Belrose.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2014

WHEREAS, Benjamin George Belrose of Purcellville, a veteran of the United States Navy and a community leader, died on October 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Michigan, Benjamin "Ben" Belrose enlisted in the United States Navy; he was an electrician's mate aboard the USS *Chopper* and later earned degrees from Purdue University and the Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, after attending Officer Candidate School, Ben Belrose served at sea and at the Naval Electronics System Security Engineering Command and the Defense Communications Agency; he entered the private sector in 1984 and moved to Purcellville in 2003; and

WHEREAS, a man of principle, Ben Belrose was dedicated to his beliefs in open government, responsible use of taxpayer money, individual rights, a strong military, and American exceptionalism; and

WHEREAS, Ben Belrose encouraged local governments to be fiscally responsible and carefully studied proposed budgets and spending plans; at public meetings, he often urged elected officials to be judicious when spending tax dollars and considering major public works projects; and

WHEREAS, to support a healthy political process, Ben Belrose helped where needed; he was responsible for placing many large campaign signs around Loudoun County during election season, and he regularly attended political meetings and fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer for the Republican Party of Loudoun County and Republican office-seekers throughout the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, Ben Belrose was unmatched in his determination to help candidates and party officials win and keep seats in government; and

WHEREAS, Ben Belrose was also a man of faith, regularly attending church and taking part in a weekly Bible study class; and

WHEREAS, Ben Belrose will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Dale; his children, Kathie, Jackie, Amy, and Melissa, 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 Benjamin George Belrose, a United States Navy veteran 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 Benjamin George Belrose as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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