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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5125

Offered June 12, 2014

Commending Vietnam War service members from Portsmouth.

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WHEREAS, between 1962 and 1975, hundreds of thousands of United States service members honorably served their country in the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, numerous members of the Portsmouth community courageously left their homes, friends, families, and careers to serve the nation in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines; and

WHEREAS, gallantly facing a determined enemy and unfamiliar terrain, several service members from Portsmouth were wounded, held as prisoners of war, or declared missing in action; and

WHEREAS, 41 individuals from Portsmouth made the ultimate sacrifice—Edward Garland Ash, Jr., Lester J. Brantley, Ronald Lee Brown, Alvin Christopher Curry, Cornell Harrison Gibson, Ralph Edward Higgs, Fred Allan Kelley, Carlton Lee Monroe, Cecil Carrington Perkins, Jr., Thomas Henry Rhodes, Melvin Leon Sherrell, Milton Lee Vaughan, Kenneth Ray Wells, Robert Earl Worrell, Jesse Thomas Bailey, Jr., Richard Dale Broda, Dennis McCoy Clark, Norman Elliott, Jr., Robert Roy Greenwood, Jr., Vincent Earl Jenkins, Larry Overton Marchbank, Earl Ephraim Parker, Donald Chandler Piper, Marshall Eugene Robertson, Harvey Newton Slaughter, Rudolph Nathinal Ward, Walter Williams, Jr., John Thomas Boone, Robert Mack Brown, Robert Andrew Crabtree, George Aden Gerald, Frank Earle Hardy, Keith Geoffrey Johnson, Graham Lonnie Mills, Lloyd William Peele, Jr., Joseph Samuel Porter, Jr., Howard Leonard Rogers, Jr., Robert Stephan Strauss, Ralph Levon Washington, George L. Wilson, and Paul Frederick Cobb; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2014, the City of Portsmouth Mayor's Military Affairs Committee and the United States Department of Defense Commemorative Partner Program honored the 41 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines from Portsmouth who made the ultimate sacrifice with a Vietnam War Memorial Service in the Portsmouth Arts and Cultural Center Courtyard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Vietnam War service members from Portsmouth on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the City of Portsmouth Mayor's Military Affairs Committee as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for the valor and sacrifices of Vietnam War service members from Portsmouth.

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