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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5241

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*Celebrating the life of Melvin Poe.*

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WHEREAS, Melvin Poe of Hume, a proud veteran of World War II and a renowned outdoorsman who was well known throughout the Commonwealth and the United States as a foxhunter, died on September 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, raised in rural northwest Fauquier County as one of 10 children, Melvin Poe learned to hunt out of necessity; he joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Melvin Poe was employed by Old Dominion Hunt from 1948 to 1962 and Orange County Hunt from 1964 to 1991; he acted as a trusted guide and respected mentor to countless fellow hunters throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, Melvin Poe assembled a private pack and continued to hunt in the Warm Springs area for 15 years; he also continued to manage his farm and often entertained visitors, family, and friends with his classic Southern charm; and

WHEREAS, admired throughout the Commonwealth and the United States for his love of nature and prowess as a hunter, Melvin Poe was inducted into the Huntsman's Room at the Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America in Leesburg in 2011, and he was the subject of books, articles, and films on foxhunting; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Poe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Melvin Poe, a proud veteran and a renowned foxhunter; 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 Melvin Poe as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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