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Celebrating the life of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr.

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WHEREAS, Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., of Harrisonburg, a respected, retired educator and community leader, died on March 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Danville, Richard Claybrook was desirous to be of service to his country and joined the United States Army Air Forces during World War II; he served honorably in the Pacific Theater of the war, and later in life, he used his experience as a pilot for American Airlines; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the war, Richard Claybrook earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in 1950 and a master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1955; and

WHEREAS, a devoted educator, Richard Claybrook helped prepare the youth of the Commonwealth for further education, careers, and responsible citizenship as a teacher in Henrico County and a principal in the City of Petersburg and the Counties of Chesterfield and Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook guided and mentored children with intellectual disabilities in Chesterfield County as the director of Camp Baker in the 1960s; he later offered his expertise to his peers as the president of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the Fairfax Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook also bravely worked to safeguard the residents of the Town of Colonial Beach as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Richard Claybrook moved to Harrisonburg and worked part time at James Madison University; and

WHEREAS, striving to better the community, Richard Claybrook generously donated his time and wise leadership to many civic and service organizations; he enjoyed fellowship and worship as a longtime member of Asbury United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher and a lay visitor; and

WHEREAS, Richard Claybrook will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Elizabeth; children, Richard, Jr., and Helen, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., a retired educator and community leader in Harrisonburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Richard Allen Claybrook, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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