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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5018

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Celebrating the life of David William Otey.

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WHEREAS, David William Otey of Williamsburg, a proud veteran, accomplished attorney, and community leader, died on March 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, David Otey graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, David Otey joined the United States Navy and served as a lieutenant on the USS *Belle Grove* during the 1954 nuclear tests at Bikini and Enewetak Atolls; and

WHEREAS, David Otey returned to Williamsburg after his honorable military service; while working full time, he earned a law degree from the College of William and Mary in 1973, then opened a private practice with a friend and former classmate; and

WHEREAS, a respected and successful member of the legal community, David Otey became the local counsel for Anheuser-Busch, and in 2007 he was honored with the Williamsburg Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, David Otey loved Williamsburg and worked to better the lives of its residents as an active member of many civic and service organizations; he earned countless awards and accolades for his contributions, including honors from the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts of America Troop 103; and

WHEREAS, David Otey enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, David Otey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 64 years, Augusta; children, David, Jr., Marion, and John, 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 David William Otey, a proud veteran, respected attorney, and pillar of the Williamsburg community; and, be it

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