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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 710

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Celebrating the life of Warren Ira Cikins.

Patrons—Surovell, Albo, Bulova, Filler-Corn, Hugo, Joannou, Keam, Kory, Krupicka, LeMunyon, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Rust, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan and Watts; Senators: Barker, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen, Puller, Saslaw and Wexton

WHEREAS, Warren Ira Cikins of Alexandria, an accomplished public and civil servant who served in local, state, and all three branches of the federal government, died on December 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Warren Cikins graduated cum laude from Harvard University and earned a master's degree from the Kennedy School of Government; he honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army for several years, specializing in decryption; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Warren Cikins began his career in government service working for a United States representative from Arkansas and later served as an assistant to United States senators from California and Maine; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s, Warren Cikins served as an executive assistant to the special assistant to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson; he then served as a senior staff member of the Brookings Institution for almost 20 years, before becoming a consultant to two United States Supreme Court justices; and

WHEREAS, spanning two terms from 1975 to 1980, Warren Cikins offered his leadership and expertise to local government as the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, as a supervisor, Warren Cikins proudly helped establish the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, the Route One Task Force on Human Services, and task forces on youth needs, and he served as a member and chair of numerous local boards, committees, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Warren Cikins also wrote speeches for the governor of New Mexico and worked to inspire and educate future leaders as a part-time political science professor at George Washington University, American University, and Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Warren Cikins will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Sylvia; sons, Dean and Neil, and their spouses, Andrea and Traci; dear grandchildren, Emme, Tori, and Maya; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Warren Ira Cikins, a dedicated public and civil servant to Fairfax County, the Commonwealth, and the United States; 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 Warren Ira Cikins as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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