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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 750**

Offered February 4, 2015

*Celebrating the life of James Clement Van Pelt, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, James Clement Van Pelt, Sr., a distinguished and decorated veteran and a passionate educator who inspired countless young business leaders in the Commonwealth, died on December 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, James Van Pelt grew up in Marion County, Kentucky, and graduated from Marion County High School, where he was a standout athlete in several varsity sports; he attended Columbia Military Academy and graduated from the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, joining many of the other young men of his generation, James Van Pelt served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; he served aboard the USS *Purdy* and the USS *Perkins* and earned a Bronze Star with Valor for his heroic actions during the Battle of Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, James Van Pelt served during the occupation of Japan and during the Korean War; he held several other postings in the Naval Supply Corps, including at the Pentagon and as chief logistics officer for the United States 6th Fleet in Europe; and

WHEREAS, James Van Pelt also taught at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the Naval War College before retiring with the rank of captain; in recognition of his exceptional service, his name is inscribed at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, after earning a master's degree from Stanford University and a doctorate from George Washington University, James Van Pelt worked to inspire young leaders as a business administration professor at Old Dominion University and what is now Christopher Newport University; and

WHEREAS, James Van Pelt earned many awards and accolades in his lifetime, including recognition from the local YMCA for his skill as a swimmer; he had also been named an honorary Kentucky Colonel by his home state; and

WHEREAS, James Van Pelt was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, James, Jr., William, and Amanda, and their families; and numerous other 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 James Clement Van Pelt, Sr., a proud veteran and a respected educator; 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 James Clement Van Pelt, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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