

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 294

Celebrating the life of David I. Meiselman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 2015

WHEREAS, David I. Meiselman of Fairfax County, a distinguished economist and retired professor in the graduate economics program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a highly regarded teacher and researcher, a veteran of the United States military, and a devoted husband and father, died on December 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army during World War II, David Meiselman received a bachelor's degree from Boston University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, David Meiselman's doctoral thesis, "The Term Structure of Interest Rates," won a prize from the Ford Foundation and was instrumental in the creation of futures markets and other financial concepts that today are in wide use; and

WHEREAS, David Meiselman conducted pioneering research in many different economic disciplines and on public policy issues; he taught at the University of Chicago, the Johns Hopkins University, Macalester College, and the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, David Meiselman was the author of five books and more than 100 articles; he had wide-ranging interests in economic policies and issues, and his work has been cited in many academic and research publications; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, David Meiselman moved to Merrybrook in Fairfax County; he helped build Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's graduate level economics program in Northern Virginia; in all, he taught in the Commonwealth for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, during an outstanding career, David Meiselman was a senior economist for the United States Treasury, the United States House of Representatives, and the Organization of American States and served as a visiting scholar and later senior economist in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and

WHEREAS, David Meiselman worked at several research and educational institutions, including the Manhattan Institute, where he was a founder and member of the board of directors, the Heritage Foundation, the Cato Institute, and the American Enterprise Institute; and

WHEREAS, in great demand for his expertise and insight, David Meiselman was a consultant to the United States Secretary of the Treasury, the World Bank, the New York Stock Exchange, and other government agencies and private companies; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, David Meiselman and his wife, Winifred, spent much time working to preserve their antebellum home, Merrybrook, near Herndon, which is a historic Civil War site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Winifred, David Meiselman will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his children, Shmuel "Sam," Ellen, and Nina, and their families, and by many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of David I. Meiselman of Fairfax County, a distinguished economist and retired professor in the graduate economics program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a highly regarded teacher and researcher, a veteran of the United States military, and a devoted husband and father; 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 David I. Meiselman as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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