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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 740

Offered January 12, 2017

Celebrating the life of Colonel Damon Igou, USA, Ret.

Patrons—Fowler, Cole and Peace; Senators: Dunnavant and McClellan

WHEREAS, Colonel Damon Igou, USA, Ret., a respected veteran of the United States Army, United States Army Reserve, and National Guard and a man of deep and abiding faith who offered leadership and guidance to the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church congregation as a deacon, died on November 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, Damon Igou fulfilled his lifelong dream to serve his country as a member of the military, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant after graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1986; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 30-year career, Damon Igou held command, staff, and educational assignments in Korea, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, including command of the 2nd Battalion, 111th Field Artillery in Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, Damon Igou was deployed with the 29th Infantry Division to Bosnia in 2001 in support of Task Force Eagle and provided disaster relief and security to the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005; he again supported the 29th Infantry Division in Kosovo in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Damon Igou was deployed to Djibouti as part of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, and he finished his career as a faculty member of the United States Army War College in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his exceptional military career, Damon Igou earned the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Damon Igou joined Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in 2000 and was ordained as a deacon in 2002; he was admired for his biblical knowledge and ability to share his wisdom with others, and he held numerous other leadership positions in the church community; and

WHEREAS, Damon Igou will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Janice; children, David and Rhey; 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 Colonel Damon Igou, USA, Ret., a patriotic veteran and an admired spiritual leader in the Montpelier community; 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 Colonel Damon Igou, USA, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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