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Offered January 17, 2017 *Celebrating the life of Kenneth A. Lawrence.* 

Patrons—Keam; Senators: Howell and Petersen

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 776** 

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WHEREAS, Kenneth A. Lawrence of Fairfax, a respected member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, died on December 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Niagara Falls, New York, Kenneth "Ken" A. Lawrence graduated from Cornell University in 1954, and served as a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir; and WHEREAS, during his private sector career, Ken Lawrence was a research scientist and project

manager for companies such as Raytheon and Logos; and

WHEREAS, Ken Lawrence also had a career in government service, working for the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 13 years, Ken Lawrence served the Providence District on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, where he played a significant role in shaping the development of Tysons Corner and the Mosaic District in Merrifield; and

WHEREAS, known for being very detail-oriented and thorough, Ken Lawrence cared deeply about his work on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, and he worked tirelessly for a balance between development growth and infrastructure in Tysons Corner, and was a staunch advocate for the need for green space and outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Ken Lawrence was very civic-minded; he was a longtime member of Northern Virginia Family Services' Training Futures Association of Virginia, which provides low-income vocational training, and a volunteer for the American Lung Association; and

WHEREAS, Ken Lawrence was an avid Morris Garage car enthusiast and fan of Grand Prix racing; he was a world traveler, but most of all he enjoyed being a loving father, grandfather, and husband; and

WHEREAS, Ken Lawrence will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Joyce; children, Lesley, Alan, and Richard, and their families; and a host of other relatives 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 Kenneth A. Lawrence of Fairfax, a respected member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission; 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 Kenneth A. Lawrence as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.