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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 978

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*Celebrating the life of Robert Alan Phillips.*

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WHEREAS, Robert Alan Phillips of Springfield, a respected economist and a veteran who touched the lives of countless fellow service members as an addiction counselor, died on August 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the son of a member of the United States Navy, Robert "Robin" Alan Phillips was born in Cairo, Egypt, and grew up in Taiwan, where he developed an affinity for Asian languages and culture; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips served his country as a member of the United States Army as a linguist, then attended Harvard University, Stanford University, and the London School of Economics and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips pursued a career as an economist with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); he promoted economic development and provided humanitarian assistance in Barbados, Kenya, and Uganda and served as a mission director in Armenia and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from USAID, Robin Phillips dedicated his time and leadership to helping people struggling with alcohol addiction and volunteered with recovery programs for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips was instrumental in forming the Fairfax County Veterans Treatment Docket, a court-sponsored, comprehensive treatment program to help the men and women who have served and sacrificed in defense of the nation overcome addiction; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Robert Alan Phillips, a respected economist, loyal veteran, and compassionate addiction counselor; 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 Robert Alan Phillips as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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