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Celebrating the life of Captain Arthur C. Derrick, USN, Ret.

Patron—Knight

WHEREAS, Captain Arthur C. Derrick, USN, Ret., a distinguished United States Navy aviator and a respected member of the Virginia Beach community, died on August 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in California, Arthur Derrick grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Bloomfield High School, where he was a member of the state championship football team and lettered in track and field; and

WHEREAS, after joining the United States Navy, Arthur Derrick earned bachelor's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Naval Postgraduate School and a master's degree from Stevens Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Derrick first began flying for the Navy as a member of Fighter Squadron 111, with whom he flew during the Korean War, earning a Purple Heart; he later joined Strike Fighter Squadron 113 and was selected to attend the Fleet Air Gunnery Unit, a precursor to the Top Gun program; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Derrick was also a member of Attack Squadron 174, where he trained pilots on the F8U Crusader jet and Fighter Squadron 62 and commanding officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 11 during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Derrick completed his Navy career in 1975 as the commanding officer of Naval Air Warfare Center Warminster in Pennsylvania and eventually settled in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Derrick will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Diane, Kathy, Carolyn, Kim, and Jon, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow aviators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Captain Arthur C. Derrick, USN, Ret., a distinguished veteran in Virginia Beach; 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 Captain Arthur C. Derrick, USN, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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