

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

Celebrating the life of Willis E. Lowery.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

WHEREAS, Willis E. Lowery, an upstanding resident of Newport News who became a computer engineer after a distinguished career in the United States Navy, died on July 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Willis "Bill" E. Lowery, born in Rochester, New York, to the late Willis and Louise Lowery, graduated from Aquinas High School in Rochester and the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, after college, Bill Lowery embarked on a 25-year career in the United States Navy that took him to assignments in: Newport, Rhode Island; Key West, Florida; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Charleston, South Carolina; Monterey, California; Bremerton, Washington; Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Norfolk; and Newport News; and

WHEREAS, when Bill Lowery retired from the Navy in 1979 as a commander, he and his family decided to settle in Newport News, where he pursued a second career as a computer technician and systems engineer for companies such as Tektronix, Inc.; Hewlett-Packard; and Silicon Graphics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lowery was an upstanding member of the Newport News community; he loved his family, tinkering with his home computer, working on cars, sharing his knowledge with his many grandchildren, and giving everyone he met a hard time; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lowery will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Julia; their children, James, Matthew, Mary, Katherine, and Margaret, and their families; and a host of extended family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Willis E. Lowery, a distinguished United States Navy veteran and upstanding resident of Newport News; 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 Willis E. Lowery as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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