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Offered February 1, 2017

Celebrating the life of Francis H. Payne, Jr.

Patron—Peace

WHEREAS, Francis H. Payne, Jr., a veteran and a highly admired member of the Fauquier County community, died on December 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fauquier County, Francis "Frank" H. Payne, Jr., graduated from Fauquier High School and served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, during his 21-year military career, Frank Payne was stationed in London, England, and moved to Norfolk, Virginia, where he was a plank owner and served on the USS *Eisenhower*; and

WHEREAS, Frank Payne pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration after he retired from his military service; he was well-known for his optimism and kind, supportive nature, and he shared his wisdom as a trusted mentor to many in the community; and

WHEREAS, Frank Payne enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Talbot Park Baptist Church, Warrenton Baptist Church, and Marshall Baptist Church, where he joyfully inspired the congregation as a member of the church choir; and

WHEREAS, Frank Payne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 48 years, Joan; children, Trish and Bret, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Francis H. Payne, Jr., a true Virginia gentleman, who made many contributions to the Fauquier County 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 Francis H. Payne, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.