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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 464

Offered February 23, 2017

Celebrating the life of the Honorable H. Dudley Payne, Jr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable H. Dudley Payne, Jr., of Warrenton, a respected attorney and a retired judge of the Fauquier Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 20th Judicial District of Virginia, died on February 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, H. Dudley Payne grew up in Arlington and earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University; he served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, earning a Purple Heart and rising to the rank of first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, H. Dudley Payne earned a law degree from The Catholic University of America, where he served as managing editor of the *Catholic University Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, H. Dudley Payne served as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney from 1974 to 1977, then practiced law in Marshall; in 1982, he joined a law firm in Warrenton and practiced criminal and civil law; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, H. Dudley Payne was appointed judge of the Fauquier Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 20th Judicial District of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom until 2007; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement as a judge, H. Dudley Payne continued to serve the community as a mediator and enjoyed spending more time with his family; a man of great integrity, he served the Fauquier County community and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, H. Dudley Payne will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Ann Strickland Payne; sons, Edward Dudley Payne, John Strickland Payne, and H. Dudley Payne III, 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 the Honorable H. Dudley Payne, Jr., a retired judge of the 20th Judicial District of Virginia and a respected member of the Warrenton 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 the Honorable H. Dudley Payne, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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