HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 166

Celebrating the life of Joseph C. Stiles, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Stiles, Jr., a veteran who served in World War II and an entrepreneur who made many contributions to the Ashland community, died on September 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Stiles graduated from St. Christopher's School in Richmond and continued his education at Randolph-Macon College; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the nation, Joseph Stiles joined many of the other young men of his generation as a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a cunning aviator, Joseph Stiles flew more than 90 missions in the venerable P-47 Thunderbolt, including missions during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism and extraordinary achievements; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Joseph Stiles returned home to the Commonwealth and served the Ashland community as owner of Luck Motor Company until his well-earned retirement in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Stiles was also a member of the Randolph-Macon College Board of Trustees and volunteered his time and leadership with the Ashland Kiwanis Club; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth, Joseph Stiles will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Hilah; children, Joseph III, James, and Edward, and their families; and numerous other 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 Joseph C. Stiles, Jr., a respected veteran and a hardworking member of the Ashland 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 Joseph C. Stiles, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.