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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 283

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Celebrating the life of Hendrik W. Tieleman.

Patrons—Hurst and Rasoul; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Hendrik W. Tieleman, a respected educator who made many contributions to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Riner community, died on January 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in the Netherlands in 1933, Hendrik "Henry" W. Tieleman and his family endured great hardship during the Nazi occupation of the country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Henry Tieleman worked on a tulip farm and discovered a passion for agriculture; he decided to pursue a career in farming and attended an agriculture school in the Netherlands, before immigrating to Canada in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tieleman worked in farming and construction, attended the Ontario Agricultural College, and graduated from the University of Toronto as a professional engineer; he later earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa and a doctorate from Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Henry Tieleman joined the faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) as an assistant professor of engineering science and mechanics; in addition to teaching, he conducted valuable research on wind behavior that was funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and

WHEREAS, after 30 years of contributions to Virginia Tech, Henry Tieleman was named professor emeritus; he continued to support students by writing a textbook and assisting with research activities; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents, Henry Tieleman enjoyed woodworking, home remodeling, sailing, stamp collecting, and gardening, among other pursuits; he developed a keen interest in civic life that led to the creation of Democracy Prevails in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tieleman's greatest joy in life was his family, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Fran; children, Anne and Michael, 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 Hendrik W. Tieleman, a devoted educator and a highly admired member of the Riner 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 Hendrik W. Tieleman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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