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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 339

Offered February 22, 2018

*Celebrating the life of James Russell Shea.*

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, James Russell Shea, a beloved husband and father and a respected Arlington resident and public servant who worked tirelessly to promote nuclear nonproliferation, died on April 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Brooklyn, New York, James "Jim" Russell Shea attended Regis High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Villanova University and a master's degree in physics from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in the United States Navy, Jim Shea brought his wide-ranging talents to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, a federal agency tasked with enhancing national security by negotiating and promoting nuclear nonproliferation; and

WHEREAS, among his many other achievements in nuclear arms control, Jim Shea helped negotiate the 1974 Treaty on the Limitation of Underground Nuclear Weapon Tests between the United States and the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, for the last 23 years of his career, Jim Shea served as director of the Office of International Programs for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); in that role, he worked diligently to counsel the NRC on global issues and forged close relationships with international nuclear organizations; and

WHEREAS, outside of his long and distinguished federal government career, Jim Shea was an active member of his community who worked with the Arlington Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessment and the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, Jim Shea enjoyed music, spending time with family, and exploring his Irish and Newfoundland heritage through genealogical research; and

WHEREAS, Jim Shea will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 55 years, Phyllis; his children, Phyllis, James, John, and Andrew, and their families; and many other family members, friends, former colleagues, and members of the Arlington community; 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 James Russell Shea, a talented public servant who devoted his career to ensuring public safety through nuclear arms control and regulation; 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 James Russell Shea as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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