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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 502

Offered March 5, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Henry Louis Myers.*

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WHEREAS, Henry Louis Myers, a dedicated firefighter, a respected member of the Halifax County community, and the last remaining veteran in Halifax County who participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II, died on October 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a member of F Company, 29th Infantry Division, of the Virginia National Guard, Henry Louis "Pete" Myers was part of the first wave of troops to land on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944; courageously facing intense fire, he dressed his own wounds after he was struck by enemy artillery and was stranded on the beach for two days until he was found by Allied medics; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Pete Myers returned to Halifax County and ran his family's general store in the Liberty community; he helped organize the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department in 1957 and was active with the department until 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Pete Myers joined the Halifax Volunteer Fire Department; he held numerous leadership positions, was the department's main truck operator for many years, and continued to respond to calls for service until the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, one of the longest-serving members of the Halifax Volunteer Fire Department, Pete Myers was honored by the department in 2016 for his nearly 60 years of work to safeguard the lives and property of his fellow Halifax County residents; and

WHEREAS, Pete Myers was deeply dedicated to serving and supporting his fellow veterans as longtime commander of the Halifax Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8243 and as a member of American Legion Post 8 in South Boston; for many years, he laid the wreath at the D-Day ceremony at the National Guard Armory in South Boston; and

WHEREAS, Pete Myers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Frances; his sons, Danny and Steve, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow veterans; 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 Henry Louis Myers, a true member of the Greatest Generation; 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 Henry Louis Myers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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