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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 503

Offered March 5, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Linek, USN, Ret.*

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WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Linek, USN, Ret., a beloved father, distinguished veteran, and active member of the Sterling community, died on January 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Taunton, Massachusetts, Edwin "Ed" Linek graduated from Taunton High School and attended the University of Seattle; in 1947, he joined the United States Navy as a radio operator; and

WHEREAS, Ed Linek had a distinguished military career, serving in the Korean War from July 1950 to August 1951 and then joining the reserves a year later as a communications technician; he later retired from the United States Navy Reserve after 40 years with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4; and

WHEREAS, after joining the Navy Reserve in 1952, Ed Linek embarked on a career with Western Union Telegraph Company in Seattle, Washington; his work later took him and his family around the United States to California, Tennessee, Texas, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, always an active citizen, Ed Linek was an avid basketball player and served as a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and a Little League baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Ed Linek and his wife settled in Sterling, where he became a member of numerous community organizations, including American Legion Post 150, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Sterling Ruritan Club, and the Sterling Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a big-hearted man who loved children, Ed Linek also frequently dressed as a clown or Santa Claus for parades and community events; and

WHEREAS, Ed Linek's generous community service efforts earned him an Outstanding Volunteer Award from Loudoun Volunteer Services and a Knight of the Year award from the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Alice, and daughter, Ann Marie, Ed Linek will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his four sons, Ernest, John, Thomas, and Mark, and their families, as well as 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 Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Linek, USN, Ret., an active citizen who gave generously of his time in service to the residents of Sterling; 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 Chief Warrant Officer Edwin Linek, USN, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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