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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 565

Offered March 5, 2018

Commending Stuart Wallace Connock.

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WHEREAS, Stuart Wallace Connock, a distinguished veteran and a respected longtime state employee, has dedicated his life to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlottesville, Stuart Connock was born on August 12, 1925; he joined many of the other young men of his generation as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock served in the Pacific Theater of the war aboard the USS *Bunker Hill* in the flag unit of Admiral Marc Mitscher, who spearheaded carrier operations deep into enemy territory; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock was in Tokyo Bay during the signing of the peace treaty with Japan, and he later celebrated Navy Day in New York City aboard the USS *Enterprise*, the only ship to have fought through the entire war and remained afloat; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Stuart Connock returned to the Commonwealth and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia; a proud alumnus of the university, he has been inducted into the Raven Society, Beta Gamma Sigma, and Beta Alpha Phi; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock began his service to the Commonwealth with the General Assembly as a journal clerk under House Speaker Blackie Moore, occasionally serving the Senate of Virginia as well; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1960, Stuart Connock also worked for the Virginia Department of Taxation and was appointed by Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., as Virginia's first Director of Sales and Use Tax, working across the Commonwealth to facilitate understanding and compliance with the new form of taxation; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock was appointed as Tax Commissioner by Governor A. Linwood Holton, Jr., in 1973; he changed his focus to financial policy under Governor John N. Dalton, serving as Director of Planning and Budget and Secretary of Administration and Finance; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock was named Secretary of Finance by Governor Charles S. Robb in 1984, and he continued to serve in that position under Governor Gerald L. Baliles; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock also served as president of the National Tax Association in 1988 and throughout his career was appointed to numerous boards, committees, and commissions, including as a member of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation's Board of Trustees and chair of the foundation's Steering Committee in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Stuart Connock's leadership played an integral role in the growth and national recognition of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, an educational institution that fosters an understanding and awareness of the early history, settlement, and development of the United States through the convergence of Virginia Indian, European, and African cultures and their enduring legacies through its two living history museums, the Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from state government, Stuart Connock became Executive Assistant to the President for State Governmental Relations at the University of Virginia; in 2007, he earned the Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Stuart Wallace Connock for his decades of service to the citizens of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Stuart Wallace Connock as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his lifetime of contributions to the Commonwealth.

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