

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

Commemorating the life and legacy of Presley N. O'Bannon.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2018

WHEREAS, Presley N. O'Bannon resigned from the United States Marine Corps on March 6, 1807, following a famed term of service in the military; and

WHEREAS, born in 1776, in Fauquier County, Presley O'Bannon joined the United States Marine Corps on January 18, 1801; he was promoted to first lieutenant on October 15, 1802; and

WHEREAS, during the First Barbary War in 1805, Presley O'Bannon, in collaboration with United States Navy forces, led a famed attack at the Battle of Derna that ended in victory for the United States and was the inspiration for the lyrics "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marines' Hymn; and

WHEREAS, for his valorous actions, Presley O'Bannon was honored by Hamet Karamanli with a jeweled Mameluke sword; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia also presented Presley O'Bannon with a jeweled sword modeled after the Mameluke sword; and

WHEREAS, Presley O'Bannon went on to have a long career as a public servant in Kentucky; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the life and legacy of Presley N. O'Bannon hereby be commemorated on the occasion of the 210th anniversary of his retirement as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Marine Corps Base Quantico and The Basic School in Quantico as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for Presley N. O'Bannon's exemplary service to the United States.

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