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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 204

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Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Burrell Copas, USAF, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Burrell Copas, USAF, Ret., a distinguished veteran and a respected resident of Fairfax County who made many contributions to the community, died on October 23, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in 1927 at Fort Benning, Georgia, Charles Copas joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Charles Copas served as a member of the United States Army Reserve and earned a bachelor's degree from Auburn University and later a master's degree from San Francisco State University; and

WHEREAS, Charles Copas was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in 1951 and served as an intelligence officer stationed in Washington, D.C., Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from military service in 1975, Charles Copas worked as a management and marketing consultant for several firms in Washington, D.C., and New England; he was a talented linguist who mastered several languages throughout his military and civilian careers; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1997, Charles Copas volunteered as an instructor for a Fairfax County English for Speakers of Other Languages program, for which he was named the 2004 Volunteer of the Year by the Virginia Adult and Community Education Program; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife, Jacqueline, Charles Copas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Charles and Suzanne, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Burrell Copas, USAF, Ret., a respected veteran and a generous volunteer in Fairfax County; 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 Lieutenant Colonel Charles Burrell Copas, USAF, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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