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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68**

Offered February 12, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Abraham Alfred Raizen.*

Patron—Sullivan

WHEREAS, Abraham Alfred Raizen, a respected financial professional and an active leader in the Arlington community, died on December 31, 2017, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, a native of New York City, Abraham Alfred "Al" Raizen graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School and furthered his education at Columbia University, where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society; and

WHEREAS, Al Raizen began his long career in government with the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 1939 to 1941, when he was drafted and joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Al Raizen joined the Securities and Exchange Commission, serving as an assistant division director, section chief, and financial analyst in the areas of investment company and public utility holding company regulation; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Al Raizen became a financial advisor with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, where he was responsible for the policies and standards for financial evaluation of the bank's projects; after his well-earned retirement in 1984, he continued to share his wealth of financial knowledge as a private consultant; and

WHEREAS, Al Raizen worked to strengthen and enhance the Arlington community as a member of many civic and service organizations, including parent-teacher associations and veterans groups; he served on the Citizen's Committee for School Improvement, which helped give the public a voice on the Arlington School Board; and

WHEREAS, Al Raizen was also a former board member and chair of Group Health Association, a member-owned health cooperative that was acquired by Kaiser Permanente; he worked diligently to improve member services and guided the association through periods of great growth and change; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his devoted wife, Senta, Al Raizen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by their children, Helen, Michael, and Daniel, 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 Abraham Alfred Raizen; 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 Abraham Alfred Raizen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.