

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 187

Celebrating the life of William Henry Muehleib.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 1, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, William Henry Muehleib, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a successful entrepreneur, and a highly admired member of the Virginia Beach community, died on June 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, William "Bill" Muehleib joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps prior to the war, Bill Muehleib was training as an aircraft mechanic at Hickam Field in Hawaii when Japanese forces attacked the adjacent Pearl Harbor naval base on December 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS, in the early stages of the attack, Bill Muehleib awoke to the sounds of incoming enemy fighters, and he and his unit bravely returned fire with personal weapons until they were able to reach anti-aircraft stations; and

WHEREAS, for the remainder of his service during World War II, Bill Muehleib conducted aircraft maintenance and served with the 481st Night Fighter Operational Training Group in California; he returned to active duty with the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Bill Muehleib pursued a successful career in sales; in 1971, he founded Federal Sales Service, which fulfilled government contracts for computer equipment and other technology; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muehleib helped preserve the memory of his fellow World War II veterans by sharing his wartime experiences as a speaker at schools, civic organizations, and other events; he held many leadership roles in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and was the last national president of the organization before it disbanded in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muehleib will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Jo; children, Jeffrey, Richard, Patricia, and Robin, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Henry Muehleib, a patriotic veteran, hardworking entrepreneur, and a respected member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Henry Muehleib as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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