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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1138

Celebrating the life of Captain Anthony Reid Adams, USCG, Ret.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Captain Anthony Reid Adams, USCG, Ret., a distinguished veteran and a generous volunteer in his community, died on November 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bakersfield, California, Anthony "Tony" Reid Adams joined the United States Coast Guard (USCG) at the age of 17 and served the nation for more than 30 years as a search and rescue pilot, mastering several types of aircraft; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Tony Adams was assigned to the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he directed the Marine Environmental Protection Program, managing key legislative proposals including the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; and

WHEREAS, Tony Adams served as the fiduciary manager of the oil spill cleanup fund for USCG and Environmental Protection Agency responses to spills in the United States' navigable waters, and he researched, developed, and implemented innovative technologies such as "oil spill fingerprinting" to identify the source of leaks and spills; and

WHEREAS, Tony Adams then served as deputy group commander and executive officer of Coast Guard Air Station North Bend and commanding officer of Coast Guard Air Station Astoria, both located in Oregon, overseeing several enhancements to the two stations; and

WHEREAS, following his successful command assignment, Tony Adams was appointed as the USCG liaison to Forces Command at Fort McPherson in Georgia, then returned to Coast Guard Headquarters to finish his career; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Tony Adams pursued a second career as chief executive officer of Adams Maritime and the principal consultant for Gallagher Marine Systems, where he helped develop spill containment and countermeasure plans for ships calling on United States ports; and

WHEREAS, Tony Adams was a devout Roman Catholic who served as treasurer for the Knights of Columbus for 22 years, and he gave generously of his time and talents to support charitable organizations; he also fostered medically fragile or abused children; and

WHEREAS, Tony Adams will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Ann Adams; his children, the Honorable Dawn M. Adams, Anthony R. Adams, Jr., and Scott D. Adams, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Captain Anthony Reid Adams, USCG, Ret.; 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 Captain Anthony Reid Adams, USCG, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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