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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 731

Offered January 21, 2019

*Celebrating the life of William Holt Kling, Sr.*

Patrons—Ransone; Senators: McDougale and Stuart

WHEREAS, William Holt Kling, Sr., a beloved father, grandfather, and mentor in Heathsville who made many contributions to the Commonwealth and the United States, died on November 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Holt Kling, Sr., was born in York, Pennsylvania, to Joseph Amon and Mary Nellye Kling; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kling honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army, stationed in Germany and North Africa; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kling had a varied career in both the public and private sectors; he served with integrity as a reporter and editor for the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Times*, and newspapers in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kling was active in government at the local, state, and federal levels, and promoted democracy in South America, Africa, and China as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, Bill Kling contributed a lifetime of service to the Republican Party through his volunteer leadership; he was a visionary who understood that the growth of Prince William County's eastern area required the establishment of a new Republican committee dedicated solely to Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Prince William County Republican Committee, Bill Kling developed new party leadership in the county and was a mentor to young people, encouraging the creation of the Prince William Young Republicans Club; and

WHEREAS, known for his wit and wisdom, Bill Kling communicated the principles of the Republican Party in a personal way and was directly responsible for increasing civic engagement in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, Bill Kling dedicated himself to the protection and preservation of the nation's valuable natural resources as a leading member of the Izaak Walton League of America; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife, Elizabeth, Bill Kling will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Susan, Kathy, Barbara, Elizabeth, and William, and their families; his stepchildren, Marc, Elizabeth, Catherine, Richard, Carolyn, Anselm, and Mary, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 William Holt Kling, Sr., a respected member of the Heathsville community; 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 William Holt Kling, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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