

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 818

Celebrating the life of Frank C. Carlucci III.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019
 Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Frank C. Carlucci III of McLean, a foreign policy expert known for his leadership ability and composure under pressure, who served four United States presidents in a variety of roles, including deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, head of the National Security Council, and Secretary of Defense, died on June 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Frank Carlucci earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from Princeton University, where he was a standout wrestler and a teammate of two other future secretaries of defense, Donald Rumsfeld and Caspar Weinberger; and

WHEREAS, after serving two years in the United States Navy, Frank Carlucci started a brief career in business, but found himself drawn back to international affairs and joined the United States Foreign Service in 1956; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Frank Carlucci was sent to the Congo during the volatile period when the country was gaining independence from Belgium; he sustained injuries while courageously protecting a group of Americans from a mob and developed lasting friendships with Cyrille Adoula and Patrice Lumumba, who both became prime minister of the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Frank Carlucci became the deputy director for operations at the Office of Economic Opportunity, earning the admiration of officials close to then-governor Ronald Reagan for his negotiating tactics to protect the agency's funding; and

WHEREAS, Frank Carlucci served as undersecretary of Health, Education, and Welfare during the Nixon administration until 1974, when a military coup threatened to turn Portugal into the first communist state in Western Europe; he was appointed as ambassador to Portugal under the Ford administration and successfully navigated the crisis by supporting democratic elections; and

WHEREAS, after returning from Portugal in the late 1970s, Frank Carlucci was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency; his practicality as a manager and his appreciation for the importance of human intelligence helped ease tensions between the agency and the then-director, who was increasingly advocating for the use of signals intelligence and satellites; and

WHEREAS, Frank Carlucci transferred to the Department of Defense early in the Reagan administration and helped oversee what was then the largest military buildup in the nation's history; he left government work in 1982 to pursue opportunities in the private sector, but returned to public life as the national security advisor in 1986; and

WHEREAS, preceded by his reputation as a steady leader whose sound judgment was an asset in any situation, Frank Carlucci reformed the National Security Council in the wake of the Iran-Contra scandal and ultimately became Secretary of Defense in 1987; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from public service in 1989, Frank Carlucci joined the Carlyle Group and helped the newly formed private equity firm grow to manage approximately \$200 billion in assets for more than 1,850 investors; he was named chairman emeritus of the company in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Frank Carlucci will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Marcia; his children, Frank, Karen, and Kristin, 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 Frank C. Carlucci III, a consummate civil servant who helped steward foreign policy for decades; 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 Frank C. Carlucci III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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