HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 191

Celebrating the life of Lewis Eugene Burke.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2020 Agreed to by the Senate, February 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Lewis Eugene Burke, a veteran and a respected member of the Centreville community, died on December 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Lewis "Lew" Eugene Burke was born in 1923 to the late Harry and Elnorah Brown Burke in Arlington, where he graduated from what is now Washington-Liberty High School; and

WHEREAS, Lew Burke joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, during the war, Lew Burke piloted the venerable B-17 Flying Fortress as a member of the 398th Bombardment Group (Heavy); he participated in 29 missions over Europe and was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Lew Burke returned to the Commonwealth and pursued a career with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by two sons, Lewis, Jr., and Robert, Lew Burke will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 37 years, Lillie; his stepchildren; 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 Lewis Eugene Burke; 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 Lewis Eugene Burke as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.