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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 402

Offered February 29, 2020

Celebrating the life of Robert A. Tetreault.

Patrons—Simon and Murphy; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Robert A. Tetreault, a hardworking civil servant and a man of deep faith who strengthened the Petersburg community through his leadership and generosity, died on April 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Robert "Bob" A. Tetreault began a long and fulfilling career as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault originally worked as an instructor at the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, then held several management positions over the course of the next 30 years, becoming affectionately known as "Mr. T" to the people he mentored and inspired; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Bob Tetreault retired as chief of operations for the Quartermaster School's Enlisted Supply Department; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Petersburg community at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, where he had served as head of the Lector Program, President of the Parish Council, and as a member of many other church committees; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault was a champion for Catholic education and worked to create new opportunities for local young people; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council #694, Bob Tetreault offered his leadership to the organization at local, district, and state levels, serving as Grand Knight, District Deputy, State General Program Chairman, and as a Past Faithful Navigator over the course of his decades-long membership; he was a founding member of Appomattox Assembly 1614, and he and his wife, Addie, were honored as the Virginia Knights of Columbus Family of the Year in 1982; and

WHEREAS, a memorial charity was established in Bob Tetreault's name to continue his work with St. Joseph's Catholic School, low-income families, and those in need; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault was an avid Boston Red Sox fan who shared this love with his family; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault spoke French fluently, often challenging his grandchildren on their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault loved to sing, dance, and make people laugh, often breaking into a spontaneous song or telling a story; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault never burned the outhouse down so his mother never had to pay and upon entering Heaven and knocking on the gate, proclaimed that Barnacle Bill had arrived from over the sea; and

WHEREAS, Bob Tetreault, known as a devoted husband, father, Pèpère, Grand Pèpère, and Mon Oncle, will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 68 years, Addie; his sons, Henri and Timothy, 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 Robert A. Tetreault, a respected resident of Petersburg; 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 Robert A. Tetreault as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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