

2020 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Celebrating the life of Willard R. Heidig.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Willard R. Heidig, a respected member of the Bumpass community who served the Commonwealth and the nation as a veteran, a government employee, and an entrepreneur, died on August 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Willard "Bill" Heidig joined the United States Coast Guard after high school and served as a radio operator; and

WHEREAS, Bill Heidig subsequently completed an advanced technology program at RCA Institutes, earned a bachelor's degree in physics from American University, and attended the National War College; and

WHEREAS, Bill Heidig pursued a career in the private sector before returning to government work as a member of the Defense Communications Agency, now known as the Defense Information Systems Agency; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished tenure with the Defense Information Systems Agency, Bill Heidig helped enhance the capabilities of the United States Armed Forces, particularly in the area of nuclear submarine fleet communications; and

WHEREAS, after a business trip to France, Bill Heidig developed a passion for viticulture and went on to establish Lake Anna Winery and Oak Hill Vineyards, an award-winning, family-owned business that offers a diverse selection of wines; he offered his leadership to the board of directors of the Virginia Wineries Association and the Vinifera Wine Growers Association; and

WHEREAS, Bill Heidig will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Ann; his children, Jeff, Mike, Eric, and Stacey, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Willard R. Heidig; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Willard R. Heidig as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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