

2020 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

Commending Eddie Vincek.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 8, 2020

WHEREAS, Eddie Vincek, an honorable veteran of the United States Marine Corps and World War II, served his country valiantly 75 years ago during the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, raised on a dairy farm in upstate New York, Eddie Vincek enlisted with the United States Marine Corps in April 1943 when he was 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, after boot camp, Eddie Vincek was briefly stationed in Norfolk, where he met his future wife, Mary, whose photo he carried with him throughout the war; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1945, Eddie Vincek, private first class with the 5th Marine Division, 28th Marine Regiment, 1st Battalion, Company A, was one of thousands of United States Marines to charge the beaches of Iwo Jima on the first day of the Allied forces' invasion; and

WHEREAS, fighting 20,000 Japanese troops scattered throughout a maze of caves, pillboxes, bunkers, and trenches, it would take three divisions of the United States Marines five weeks to root out the enemy and secure the island; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 of Eddie Vincek's compatriots made the ultimate sacrifice during the Battle of Iwo Jima, a legacy of courage the citizens of the Commonwealth will never forget; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Eddie Vincek settled with his wife in Chesapeake and started a family; he was a longtime employee of Globe Iron Construction Company and gave generously of his time to the Grassfield Ruritan Club, Meals on Wheels, and other noble causes; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Vincek is a testament to the heroism and humility that made his generation truly the Greatest Generation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Eddie Vincek, a distinguished veteran of the United States Marine Corps and World War II, hereby be commended for the bravery he displayed during the Battle of Iwo Jima; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eddie Vincek as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's gratitude for his service to the country and the Commonwealth.

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