

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 583

Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Stork, USA, Ret.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 4, 2020

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Stork, USA, Ret., a proud veteran who served his country in Korea and Vietnam, died on August 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Hardin, Montana, Richard Stork learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age as a child of the Great Depression; after graduating from Custer High School, he attended Eastern Montana College and the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, 1952, Richard Stork was drafted into the United States Army and trained in communications as a member of the Signal Corps; he subsequently deployed to Korea, where he operated the message center in the 140th Medium Tank Battalion headquarters on the front lines; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the war, Richard Stork received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Colorado and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; he completed training as an engineer, then transferred to the Active Guard Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stork pursued a career as an insurance representative and worked for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Oklahoma City, where he met his future wife, Sally; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stork returned to active duty as a member of a construction engineer battalion with a three-year assignment in France, then completed additional training at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County before his first deployment to Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stork's primary mission was to develop supply facilities in Cam Ranh Bay, including a deep-water harbor, a petroleum tank farm, an ammunition depot, and other storage buildings; he later completed a second tour in Vietnam performing similar construction duties; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stork taught logistics at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, completed a deployment to Germany, and was an advisor to national guard units in Idaho, Utah, and North Dakota; after decades of honorable military service, he retired as a lieutenant colonel and joined Vietnam Veterans of San Diego to provide support for homeless veterans, then ultimately settled in Virginia in 2011 to be closer to his children; and

WHEREAS, Richard Stork's greatest joy in life was his beloved family, and he relished every opportunity to support his children in all their endeavors, from youth athletics to a successful campaign for the Virginia House of Delegates by his daughter, the Honorable Terrie L. Suit; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Sally, Richard Stork will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Shelley, Terrie, Taylor, and Barrett, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Stork, USA, Ret.; 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 Lieutenant Colonel Richard C. Stork, USA, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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