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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545

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Celebrating the life of Richard Rigney.

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WHEREAS, Richard Rigney, an honored veteran, esteemed education professional, and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community, died on August 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Richard "Durk" Rigney graduated from Villanova University in 1958 and later earned a degree in education from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, an educator dedicated to the growth and development of young people, Durk Rigney briefly taught grade school in New Jersey and later enjoyed a successful career in K-12 educational publishing that spanned more than a half-century; and

WHEREAS, while a member of the United States Army Reserve, Durk Rigney was called to active duty and served his country with courage and valor during the Berlin Crisis of 1961; and

WHEREAS, Durk Rigney moved to Virginia Beach in 2002 and quickly became an active and engaged member of his newfound community, generously volunteering his time and talents to the Virginia Beach Republican Party and the local chapter of Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Durk Rigney enjoyed worship and fellowship with his communities at St. Nicholas Catholic Church and Church of the Holy Family in Virginia Beach, serving several ministries over the years; and

WHEREAS, a passionate fan of Villanova University sports, Durk Rigney would regularly drive hundreds of miles from Virginia Beach to Philadelphia to attend home football and basketball games; and

WHEREAS, Durk Rigney will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife, Kathleen; his children, Michael, Robert, Richard, Mark, Kevin, and Jon, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Rigney, who made lasting contributions to the education of young people throughout his career and touched countless lives in the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Richard Rigney as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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