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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 770

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Celebrating the life of Robert George Wingfield.

Patrons—McNamara; Senator: Suetterlein

WHEREAS, Robert George Wingfield, a husband, father, grandfather, mentor, friend, teacher, and longtime leader in the Roanoke emergency medical services community, died on December 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" George Wingfield was born in Newark, New Jersey, and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he was a proud Hokie and member of the Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Bob Wingfield enlisted with the United States Army, serving his country with courage and valor during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Bob Wingfield served as a manager at Hop-In and U-Haul and founded Communications Plus, where he had an outlet for his passion for fixing radios and electronics; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wingfield began his extensive volunteer career as an emergency medical technician with the Williamson Road Life Saving Crew, now Roanoke Emergency Medical Services, later transferring to the Cave Spring Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, over 35 years running emergency medical services calls with the Cave Spring Volunteer Rescue Squad, Bob Wingfield served in various leadership positions, including first lieutenant, building sergeant, and treasurer, and was awarded life membership in 1985; and

WHEREAS, a search and rescue instructor for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for 27 years, Bob Wingfield was active in various search and rescue councils in the Roanoke area; in addition, he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and was honored with the Virginia Search and Rescue Council's Lisa Hannon Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2017, Bob Wingfield tirelessly served the Heart Alert Community Training Center in Roanoke as vice president, instructor trainer, and training center faculty member; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wingfield was highly involved in the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS), serving previously as the organization's historian and as District 6 vice president for four years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wingfield supported volunteer management and other activities at VAVRS through his work on several committees and took great joy in supporting the organization's Hall of Fame Committee and its Julian Stanley Wise Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wingfield bolstered search and rescue education in the Commonwealth through his work as an instructor with the VAVRS Rescue College and the Virginia State Emergency Medical Services Museum in Roanoke; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012, Bob Wingfield was elected a Life Member by the membership of VAVRS, one of the organization's most prestigious honors and a reflection of his extraordinary life of service; and

WHEREAS, Bob Wingfield will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 44 years, Patsy; his daughter, Sarah, and her family; 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 George Wingfield, a respected leader and mentor in the emergency medical services community of Roanoke; 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 George Wingfield as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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