

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 514

Celebrating the life of Gerald Albert Billingsley.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 22, 2021

WHEREAS, Gerald Albert Billingsley, honorable veteran, esteemed educator, and longtime mayor of Remington, died on January 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., Gerald "Jerry" Albert Billingsley grew up in Falls Church and was valedictorian of his class at George C. Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Billingsley graduated from Wesleyan University, where he studied ancient Asian history and religion and the Japanese language, and then served the country with valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a civics and history teacher at Joyce Kilmer Middle School for more than 40 years, Jerry Billingsley fostered the well-being and success of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Billingsley was first elected mayor of Remington in 1988 and would thereafter serve the residents of his community with great care and devotion for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Billingsley was an accomplished Aikido instructor who had taught for the Virginia Ki Society of Merrifield for more than 30 years, helping an untold number of aikidoka cultivate a sound body and mind; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife, Katie, Jerry Billingsley will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his children, Matthew, Blythe, and Sarah, 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 Gerald Albert Billingsley, cherished mayor of Remington, whose unwavering kindness, generosity, and dedication to his community touched countless lives; 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 Gerald Albert Billingsley as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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