HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 678

Celebrating the life of Charles Berton Mulligan.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2023 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Charles Berton Mulligan, a distinguished veteran of World War II and highly admired member of the Kents Store community, died on September 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ridgeley, West Virginia, Charles Mulligan graduated from Ridgeley High School, then joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mulligan deployed to the Pacific theater and fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima, where he witnessed the raising of the American flag over Mount Suribachi; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mulligan pursued a career as a brakeman with Western Maryland Railway, from which he retired after many years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mulligan also served and safeguarded members of his community as a lifetime member of the Ridgeley Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mulligan supported his fellow veterans as a member of the Fort Ashby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6667 and the Western Maryland Marine Corps League, and after settling in the Commonwealth, he enjoyed many trips to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Edie, and two sons, Wayne and Charles, Charles Mulligan will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Terry and Debra, and their families, 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 Charles Berton Mulligan; 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 Charles Berton Mulligan as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.