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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 691

Offered February 15, 2023

Celebrating the life of Howard Montgomery Hougen.

Patrons—Krizek; Senators: Ebbin and Surovell

WHEREAS, Howard Montgomery Hougen of Mount Vernon, a patriotic veteran and a respected corporate attorney, died on January 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Howard Montgomery "Monty" Hougen was born in Nebraska and spent his youth in Iowa, where he ultimately earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Iowa; he was a member of the institution's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army after graduation; and

WHEREAS, while stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Monty Hougen was invited to join a bowling team made up of Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps attorneys and subsequently joined the JAG Corps himself; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 20-year career, Monty Hougen was stationed in Paris, served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive, and was posted to Fort Knox, Fort Lee, and the Pentagon; he earned a master's degree in patents and trade regulation and handled international contract negotiations for the United States Army before his retirement as a lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Monty Hougen joined Dynalectron Corporation, now known as DynCorp, and happily continued to travel the world for work; he spent many years as deputy general counsel and corporate secretary, then retired at the age of 73 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Monty Hougen volunteered with Meals on Wheels, relished every opportunity to support the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, and enjoyed annual trips to France with his family; and

WHEREAS, Monty Hougen enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Alexandria community as an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served as an usher, assisted with financial matters, and volunteered at the church's annual pumpkin patch fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Monty Hougen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Dixie; his children, Sarah and Eric, 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 Howard Montgomery Hougen, a highly admired member of the Mount Vernon community; 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 Howard Montgomery Hougen as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.