

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 481

Commending Robert Lester Houghton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, Robert Lester Houghton served the country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Navy from 1961 to 1970 and with the United States Navy Reserve from 1970 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, after training, Robert "Bob" Lester Houghton was stationed at Naval Station Norfolk beginning in September 1962, where he would serve on the USS *Randolph* and USS *Intrepid* aircraft carriers over the next three and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Bob Houghton served with Anti-Submarine Squadron VS-26 as an aviation electronics technician, and he had deployments to South America, the Mediterranean, and the North Atlantic region; and

WHEREAS, while stationed at Naval Station Norfolk, Bob Houghton served on a flight crew with the commanding officer of the squadron and flew more than 120 aircraft carrier flights; and

WHEREAS, Bob Houghton continued his active duty military career until February 1970, at which point he transferred to the United States Navy Reserve until his retirement in 1989, when he concluded his 28 years of honorable and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Bob Houghton has enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with his wife of 60 years, Marcia, and his children and grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Robert Lester Houghton hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a veteran of the United States Navy; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Lester Houghton as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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