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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 693

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Celebrating the life of Malcolm Upshur Pitt, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Malcolm Upshur Pitt, Jr., of Richmond, a respected citizen and the beloved headmaster and longtime president of the Collegiate School, died on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Malcolm "Buck" Pitt was born in Richmond on November 29, 1921, graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1938, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond in 1942, earned a master's degree in education from Harvard University in 1949, and did postgraduate work at the University of Virginia in 1954; and

WHEREAS, an athlete in football, basketball, and baseball for the Spiders, Buck Pitt was selected to the University of Richmond Hall of Fame; after college, he played semi-professional basketball for the Richmond Barons; and

WHEREAS, Buck Pitt served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II, and he was decorated with the Purple Heart following his participation in the Normandy Invasion; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Buck Pitt became a teacher and coach at Woodberry Forest High School and served as principal at Patrick Henry High School, Westover Hills Elementary School, and Albert Hill Middle School, before joining the Collegiate School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated educator and inspirational leader and mentor, Buck Pitt was the first headmaster of the Collegiate Boys School and became Collegiate School's first president, serving from 1960 until his retirement in 1987; and

WHEREAS, for 81 joyful summers, Buck Pitt was a great supporter of Camp Virginia, the boys' summer camp his parents founded, where he first attended as a child and then went on to serve as a counselor, administrator and director; and

WHEREAS, Buck Pitt was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Richmond, where he served as a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the board of deacons; and

WHEREAS, committed to his community and the well-being of his fellow citizens, Buck Pitt gave his time and expertise to many civic and professional organizations over the years, and he received many accolades for his valuable contributions to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a kind and devoted family man and faithful friend, Buck Pitt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 61 years, Betty Pitt; his three daughters, Louise, Betty, and Anne and their wonderful families; many other family members and friends; and his students and fellow educators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Malcolm Upshur Pitt, Jr.; 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 Malcolm Upshur Pitt, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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