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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5069

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Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Colonel Barry Nicholas Bittner, USMC (Ret.).

Patron—Hugo

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Barry Nicholas Bittner, USMC (Ret.), of Fairfax, a decorated officer, admired educator, and respected citizen of the Commonwealth, died on May 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pennsylvania, Barry Bittner graduated from Bullis School in Maryland; desirous to serve his country, he received an undergraduate degree from the United States Naval Academy and later a master's degree in computer science from the Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary officer and fearless Marine, Barry Bittner proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star for his actions; he went on to enjoy a successful career in the military before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Barry Bittner then transferred his strong leadership skills and experience with technology to the private sector, working first for Digital Equipment Corporation for 10 years then at Apple Computer as a federal account manager until 2000; and

WHEREAS, after his second retirement, Barry Bittner fulfilled a lifelong dream of teaching high school students as a computer science teacher at Paul VI Catholic High School until his retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS, known and admired by his students for his humor, knowledge, and enthusiasm, Barry Bittner took great pride in educating a rising generation, providing not only instruction but real world examples and experiences that added tremendous value to the students' education; and

WHEREAS, a man of tremendous integrity and faith, Barry Bittner was a longtime member of Truro Anglican Church, where he enjoyed worship, fellowship, and service; and

WHEREAS, Barry Bittner leaves behind a sterling legacy of service to his family, church, community, and country; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Barry Bittner will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sandra; children, Sherri, Stephen, and Julie and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; 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 an admired patriot and esteemed citizen of the Commonwealth, Lieutenant Colonel Barry Nicholas Bittner, USMC (Ret.); 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 Lieutenant Colonel Barry Nicholas Bittner, USMC (Ret.), as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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