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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 287

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Celebrating the life of Dr. Raymond C. Bice, Jr.

Patron—Toscano; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond C. Bice, Jr., a beloved educator and administrator who interested thousands of University of Virginia students in psychology with his popular "Bice devices," died on December 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wisconsin, Raymond Bice demonstrated at a young age the ingenuity and inventiveness that would later mark his classes, constructing and operating early printing presses and silent movie projection equipment and receiving his FCC license in short wave radio at the age of 12; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bice earned bachelor and graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Navy, teaching at the radio code school in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 Dr. Bice joined the faculty of the University of Virginia, beginning a 50-year career that included service as a psychology professor, NROTC officer, director of admissions and associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, secretary to the board of visitors, assistant to the president, and history officer; and

WHEREAS, it was in the classroom that Dr. Bice truly shone; he developed a device for every lecture in his "Bice Psych" course, which captured students' interest and made psychology come alive; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bice's inventions had practical applications as well—a transducer he created and patented led to the development of a pilot vest that could transmit information through touch, enabling pilots to fly when they could not see; the vest, developed in Pensacola, Florida, led to his receiving honorary keys to the City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bice earned many awards and accolades over the course of his distinguished career, including the Thomas Jefferson Award, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and Navy Meritorious Public Service Award; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Zula Mae Baber, Raymond Bice leaves behind to cherish his memory many loving family members and friends, former colleagues, and thousands of University of Virginia alumni; 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 a beloved University of Virginia educator and administrator, Dr. Raymond C. Bice, 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 Dr. Raymond C. Bice, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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