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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 185

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Celebrating the life of George Gordon Dwyer.

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WHEREAS, George Gordon Dwyer of Fredericksburg, a proud and loyal veteran and a dedicated civil servant, died on March 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Taunton, Massachusetts, Gordon Dwyer joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to his country during World War II; he served as the senior gunner's mate on the USS *Prestige*; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Dwyer graduated from Tufts University and pursued careers in social work and criminal justice; he served communities in Massachusetts and the Commonwealth as a corrections officer, social worker, marriage counselor, probation officer, and sheriff's deputy; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Fredericksburg Area Veterans' Council, Gordon Dwyer was instrumental in establishing the Fredericksburg Area War Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Dwyer helped preserve the nation's history by participating in Revolutionary War reenactments, and he offered his time and leadership to the Forty and Eight veterans organization, Spotsylvania American Legion Post 320, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Virginia Defense Force; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Dwyer enjoyed fellowship and worship as a member of Lake of the Woods Church in Locust Grove, and he was a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Westborough, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Dwyer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 64 years, Verna; children, Bruce, Robert, Janice, Jeffrey, Thomas, and Laurie, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Gordon Dwyer, a veteran, civil servant, and active member of the Fredericksburg 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 George Gordon Dwyer as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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