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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 318**

Offered February 26, 2015

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3 *Celebrating the life of Robert Luther Sales, Sr.*4  
5 Patron—Cline6 WHEREAS, Robert Luther Sales, Sr., of Madison Heights, a veteran of World War II who took part  
7 in the D-Day invasion of France, a timber executive and land developer, a member of many veterans'  
8 organizations, a man of faith, and a devoted husband and father, died on February 23, 2015; and9 WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Luther Sales, Sr., was a native of Monroe who enlisted in the Virginia  
10 National Guard as a teenager; he was a member of Company B, 116th Infantry Regiment from  
11 Lynchburg during the Allied invasion of Normandy; and12 WHEREAS, of the 30 men who were in his landing craft on June 6, 1944, Bob Sales was the only  
13 one to survive D-Day; he abandoned his radio equipment in the water to keep from drowning, and when  
14 he made it ashore he knew that to survive he had to keep crawling forward; and15 WHEREAS, Bob Sales, who was promoted to staff sergeant shortly after the D-Day invasion, fought  
16 in World War II for another six months until he was gravely wounded in Germany; he received many  
17 recognitions for his military service, including three Purple Hearts, the Silver Star, and many other  
18 citations; and19 WHEREAS, after recovering from his war injuries, Bob Sales became a pulp wood dealer and land  
20 developer; he owned Sales and White Timber Company, and he also was a charter member of  
21 Northminster Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Elks Club; and22 WHEREAS, on February 11, 2014, during a visit to the United States, Francois Hollande, the  
23 President of France, honored Bob Sales as a Knight of the Legion of Honor for helping to liberate  
24 France during World War II; and25 WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor event was held at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington;  
26 Bob Sales chartered a limousine to make sure that he and his 20 guests would arrive at the ceremony on  
27 time and in style; and28 WHEREAS, Bob Sales was a life member of several veterans' organizations, including the Veterans  
29 of Foreign Wars, the Blinded Veterans Association, the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., and the  
30 Military Order of the Purple Heart; and31 WHEREAS, Bob Sales built a memorial on his property to honor the 113 men from Company B  
32 who were killed during World War II; he said that he paid homage to their sacrifice by remembering  
33 them as they were in the 1940s—young men in their prime, full of life and laughter; and34 WHEREAS, Bob Sales will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Alice; his  
35 children, Robert, Jr., and Donna, and their families; and by many other family members and friends;  
36 now, therefore, be it37 RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Luther  
38 Sales, Sr., of Madison Heights, a World War II veteran who took part in the D-Day invasion, a timber  
39 executive and land developer, a member of many veterans' organizations, a man of faith, and a devoted  
40 husband and father; and, be it41 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
42 for presentation to the family of Robert Luther Sales, Sr., as an expression of the House of Delegates'  
43 respect for his memory.

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