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Celebrating the life of Young Suk Lowe.

Patrons—Kearney and Bell, John J.; Senator: Black

WHEREAS, Young Suk Lowe of Centreville, a dedicated patriot, educator, and respected businessman who strengthened and supported Korean American communities in Massachusetts and Virginia, died on December 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in 1929 in Pyongyang, North Korea, Young Suk Lowe earned a bachelor's degree from Yonsei University and a master's degree from Kyung Hee University, both in Seoul, South Korea; and

WHEREAS, Young Suk Lowe prepared students for success in careers and higher education as a high school English teacher in Korea for more than 20 years, then immigrated to the United States in 1973; and

WHEREAS, settling in Massachusetts, Young Suk Lowe worked as the director of the overseas department of New England Nuclear Corporation for eight years, then became the first Korean American employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Young Suk Lowe established his own business and served the community until 2004, when he retired and relocated to Centreville; and

WHEREAS, Young Suk Lowe dedicated his time and talents to helping Korean immigrants thrive in America, serving as president of the Korean Sports Association of New England, president and chair of the Korean Association of New England and the Committee for the Five Northern Korean Provinces New England Chapter, chair of the Korean American Association of Northern Virginia's Senior Welfare Center, and a senior advisor to the National Korean American Association and the National Unification Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Young Suk Lowe served as a volunteer translator and English teacher at the Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington, the Korean Senior Citizen Association of the Greater Washington Area, and the Fairfax County Korean Senior Citizen Information Line, earning the Aging Innovation Award from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Young Suk Lowe earned many other awards and accolades, including a Medal of Honor from the President of the Republic of Korea for his service to the Korean American community, letters of recognition from Harvard Law School and Pope Paul II, and induction into the Korean American History Museum; and

WHEREAS, Young Suk Lowe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Young Suk Lowe; 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 Young Suk Lowe as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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