

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 561

Celebrating the life of Cary Lee Jarvis.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, Cary Lee Jarvis, a courageous veteran who joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II and a respected member of the Virginia Beach community, died on April 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Cary Jarvis volunteered for the Virginia National Guard in 1939 and was inducted into the United States Army at the beginning of World War II; he served as a forward observer for the 111th Field Artillery Battalion, bravely scouting beyond the front lines to spot enemy targets; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1944, Cary Jarvis, then a staff sergeant, landed on Omaha Beach as part of the first wave of the D-Day invasion of Normandy; within moments of landing, all of the officers in his unit were either killed or wounded, and he received a battlefield commission as a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Cary Jarvis fought in the ensuing campaigns across Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe, earning a Bronze Star and a promotion to first lieutenant for his actions during the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Cary Jarvis returned home and served the community as a milk delivery driver for more than 20 years; in 2015 he was awarded the French Legion of Honor, the highest military award bestowed by the French government; and

WHEREAS, Cary Jarvis enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Great Neck Baptist Church and remained active with veterans' groups throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Cary Jarvis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 32 years, Mary; children, Cary, Thelma, Walter, Catherine, and Johanna, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Cary Lee Jarvis, a patriotic veteran and an esteemed member of the Virginia Beach 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 Cary Lee Jarvis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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