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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 748

Offered January 16, 2017

Celebrating the life of John Joseph Quinn, Jr.

Patrons—Freitas and Webert; Senators: Hanger and Reeves

WHEREAS, John Joseph Quinn, Jr., a native of Culpeper who made many valuable contributions to the community as an aviator and a flying instructor, died on May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph "J. J." Quinn, Jr., began flying at the age of 15 and served his country as a pilot in the United States Navy; he then pursued a long career with United Airlines, where he flew more than 10 different aircraft over the course of his 34 years as a commercial pilot; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, J. J. Quinn set out to strengthen the aviation community in the region and personally funded the construction of Culpeper Regional Airport's first 90-unit T-hangar in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as a flight instructor for local residents of all ages, J. J. Quinn generously volunteered his time and experience as a pilot for Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic, a nonprofit organization that provides free air transportation to people in need of medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, J. J. Quinn logged more than 400 hours each year with Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic, often traveling as far as Philadelphia, Boston, or New York City, and touched countless lives along the way; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the National Aeronautic Association named J. J. Quinn as the Distinguished Volunteer Pilot of the Year for his work with Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic and other charitable organizations, and in 2013, he was listed on the Federal Aviation Administration's prestigious Airmen Certification Database in recognition of his tremendous skill and experience as an aviator; and

WHEREAS, a man who lived his faith through his actions, J. J. Quinn enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Precious Blood Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Barbara, J. J. Quinn will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Kelly, Shannon, and Johnny, 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 John Joseph Quinn, Jr., an admired leader in the aviation community and a respected resident of Culpeper; 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 John Joseph Quinn, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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