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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 856

Offered January 31, 2017

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Robert Mark Yacobi.*

Patrons—Yancey, Mullin, Peace, Price and Sickles; Senators: Locke, Mason and Norment

WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert Mark Yacobi of Williamsburg, a former judge of the Newport News Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 7th Judicial District of Virginia, died on January 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bucky" Mark Yacobi spent most of his life in Newport News; he attended St. Vincent de Paul High School and Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina, and then served his country as a member of the United States Army in Japan during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Bucky Yacobi attended the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, then practiced law in Newport News for many years before he was appointed to the bench; he and his wife, Peggy, were involved in numerous local, state, and national civic and religious organizations, giving generously of their time, talents, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, after the death of his daughter, Kelly, Bucky Yacobi pledged to do all he could to eradicate leukemia and raise awareness of the disease; he immersed himself in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, serving as national president for three years and on the board for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Yacobi was a 4th degree Sir Knight of Columbus, (PGK, PDD), served on the board of Peninsula Catholic High School, and was a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the American Bar Association, ATLA, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; he was also a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Police (Honorary) W. E. Nesbitt Lodge #25, president/board member of the Virginia Marine Institute, and a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Yacobi earned many awards and accolades for his lifetime of service, including the Spiral of Life Award from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the National Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Yacobi's zest for life and learning led him to a second career in real estate, where he enjoyed marketing the lovely Tidewater Region; an avid hunter, fisherman, lifelong sportsman, teller of tall tales and long jokes, he was a force of nature to the end, never met a stranger, and endeavored to do the most good for mankind every single day of his life; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Yacobi was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly Anne Yacobi; his parents, X. F. Yacobi and Laura Margaret Piedmont Yacobi; brothers, Frank Yacobi and Jamie Yacobi; and sisters, Laura Yacobi Bateman and Jeanne Yacobi Turley; and a loving and wise mother-in-law, Mabel Mumma; and

WHEREAS, Bucky Yacobi will be greatly missed by his loving and devoted wife, Peggy; his daughter, Karen Yacobi Warren and son-in-law, Jim; his son, Mark and his wife, Michelle; his son, Sean, and his wife, Nora; his four grandchildren, Josh, Matt, Sophie, and Liam; a bevy of nieces and nephews; and many other great and loving family members and friends from near and far; 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 the Honorable Robert Mark Yacobi, a former judge of the 7th Judicial District of Virginia and a respected member of the Newport News 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 the Honorable Robert Mark Yacobi as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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