

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 978

Celebrating the life of Robert Alan Phillips.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Robert Alan Phillips of Springfield, a respected economist and a veteran who touched the lives of countless fellow service members as an addiction counselor, died on August 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the son of a member of the United States Navy, Robert "Robin" Alan Phillips was born in Cairo, Egypt, and grew up in Taiwan, where he developed an affinity for Asian languages and culture; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips served his country as a member of the United States Army as a linguist, then attended Harvard University, Stanford University, and the London School of Economics and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips pursued a career as an economist with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); he promoted economic development and provided humanitarian assistance in Barbados, Kenya, and Uganda and served as a mission director in Armenia and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from USAID, Robin Phillips dedicated his time and leadership to helping people struggling with alcohol addiction and volunteered with recovery programs for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips was instrumental in forming the Fairfax County Veterans Treatment Docket, a court-sponsored, comprehensive treatment program to help the men and women who have served and sacrificed in defense of the nation overcome addiction; and

WHEREAS, Robin Phillips will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Robert Alan Phillips, a respected economist, loyal veteran, and compassionate addiction counselor; 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 Robert Alan Phillips as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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