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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 275

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*Celebrating the life of Willis E. Lowery.*

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WHEREAS, Willis E. Lowery, an upstanding resident of Newport News who became a computer engineer after a distinguished career in the United States Navy, died on July 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Willis "Bill" E. Lowery, born in Rochester, New York, to the late Willis and Louise Lowery, graduated from Aquinas High School in Rochester and the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, after college, Bill Lowery embarked on a 25-year career in the United States Navy that took him to assignments in: Newport, Rhode Island; Key West, Florida; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Charleston, South Carolina; Monterey, California; Bremerton, Washington; Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Norfolk, and Newport News; and

WHEREAS, when Bill Lowery retired from the Navy in 1979 as a commander, he and his family decided to settle in Newport News, where he pursued a second career as a computer technician and systems engineer for companies such as Tektronix, Inc.; Hewlett-Packard; and Silicon Graphics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lowery was an upstanding member of the Newport News community; he loved his family, tinkering with his home computer, working on cars, sharing his knowledge with his many grandchildren, and giving everyone he met a hard time; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lowery will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Julia; their children, James, Matthew, Mary, Katherine, and Margaret, and their families; and a host of extended family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Willis E. Lowery, a distinguished United States Navy veteran and upstanding resident of Newport News; 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 Willis E. Lowery as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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