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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 422

Offered February 17, 2017

Celebrating the life of Richard Edward Cornwell.

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WHEREAS, Richard Edward Cornwell, a dedicated law-enforcement officer who worked to serve and protect the residents of Portsmouth for more than 25 years, died on January 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Richard Cornwell joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cornwell played semi-professional baseball, then joined the Portsmouth Police Department in 1951; during his distinguished career, he earned several awards and accolades, including the Policeman of the Year award in 1976 for his work as head of the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from law enforcement as a lieutenant in 1977, Richard Cornwell continued his service to the community through his longtime affiliation with the Freemasons; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cornwell was a member of Portsmouth Lodge No. 100, had served as inspector general honorary of the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite, and was an honorary member of the Supreme Council; he was also a past president of the Portsmouth Shrine Club and a past venerable master of the Lodge of Perfection; and

WHEREAS, guided by his deep faith, Richard Cornwell was a founding member of West Side Christian Church, where he cooked and served meals to the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cornwell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 70 years, Mary; children, Mary, Marla, and Richard, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Edward Cornwell, a law-enforcement officer and a respected member of the Portsmouth 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 Richard Edward Cornwell as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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