

## 2017 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

*Celebrating the lives of the victims of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2017

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1961, three crew members and 74 United States Army recruits en route to United States Army Training Center Fort Jackson, South Carolina, died as a result of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash; and

WHEREAS, after experiencing fuel flow disruptions in both right-side engines, the crew of Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8, which had been chartered as a supplemental carrier for military personnel, attempted a landing at what is now Richmond International Airport; and

WHEREAS, ensuing malfunctions in landing gear and one of the remaining engines resulted in a crash and a fire; accident investigations later determined that the aircraft had not been properly serviced and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash resulted in additional oversight of supplemental carriers practices and required that all supplemental carriers re-apply for certification from the Civil Aeronautics Board, begin carrying liability insurance, and maintain a healthy financial status; and

WHEREAS, the victims of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash included 12 individuals from Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland—Bernie Abraham Collins, Michael Crissey Dash, Maurice H. Davis, Charles L. Decoteau, Donald Leon Essex, Peter Steve Georgopoulos, James Leon Harris, Michael Edward McAllister, Samuel McGhee, Robert Vernon Poole, Joseph Eugene Rosenberger, and Reginald Gilbert Shelton; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marked the 55th anniversary of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash; it is a reminder of the service and sacrifices made by men and women in uniform throughout the United States and the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of the victims of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the families of the victims of the Imperial Airlines Flight 201/8 crash as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for their memory.

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