HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 283

Celebrating the life of Hendrik W. Tieleman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018 Agreed to by the Senate, March 1, 2018

WHEREAS, Hendrik W. Tieleman, a respected educator who made many contributions to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Riner community, died on January 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, born in the Netherlands in 1933, Hendrik "Henry" W. Tieleman and his family endured great hardship during the Nazi occupation of the country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Henry Tieleman worked on a tulip farm and discovered a passion for agriculture; he decided to pursue a career in farming and attended an agriculture school in the Netherlands, before immigrating to Canada in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tieleman worked in farming and construction, attended the Ontario Agricultural College, and graduated from the University of Toronto as a professional engineer; he later earned a master's degree from the University of Iowa and a doctorate from Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Henry Tieleman joined the faculty of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) as an assistant professor of engineering science and mechanics; in addition to teaching, he conducted valuable research on wind behavior that was funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and

WHEREAS, after 30 years of contributions to Virginia Tech, Henry Tieleman was named professor emeritus; he continued to support students by writing a textbook and assisting with research activities; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents, Henry Tieleman enjoyed woodworking, home remodeling, sailing, stamp collecting, and gardening, among other pursuits; he developed a keen interest in civic life that led to the creation of Democracy Prevails in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tieleman's greatest joy in life was his family, and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Fran; children, Anne and Michael, and their families; and numerous other 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 Hendrik W. Tieleman, a devoted educator and a highly admired member of the Riner 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 Hendrik W. Tieleman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.