

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 796

*Celebrating the life of John H. Chenard.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2019

WHEREAS, John H. Chenard of Oakton, who served the Commonwealth and the United States for many years as an officer in the United States Navy, died on December 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of East Meadow, New York, John Chenard grew up in Bucksport, Maine, and attended the United States Naval Academy in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, John Chenard spent his first years in the United States Navy aboard the destroyers USS *Ault*, USS *Charles H. Roan*, and USS *Charles R. Ware* and guided missile cruisers USS *Belknap* and USS *Harry E. Yarnell*, serving during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, John Chenard worked primarily in weapons billets and managed nuclear warheads before earning master's degrees in aerospace physics from the Naval Postgraduate School and in electrical engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, John Chenard held several teaching positions at universities around the country, served as a director of land and sea testing for electrostatic gyro navigation systems, and was appointed as a representative to the Strategic Systems Project Office for the Sperry Corporation in New York; and

WHEREAS, John Chenard subsequently became the in-service engineer for 31 cruiser and destroyer weapons systems, director of long-range missile systems at Naval Sea Systems Command, and engineering and procurement manager for AEGIS Shipbuilding; and

WHEREAS, in addition, John Chenard served as a program manager for nuclear weapons at Sandia Base, New Mexico, and became director of the Board of Visitors of the Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, John Chenard enjoyed a second career in the private sector, working for Science Applications International Corporation and Leidos, among other companies; and

WHEREAS, in his well-earned retirement, John Chenard enjoyed spending time with his beloved family and working as a sailing instructor at Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, John Chenard will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Sheila; his sons, John, Christopher, 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 John H. Chenard; 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 John H. Chenard as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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