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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

Offered February 7, 2019

Celebrating the life of Staff Sergeant Jasper N. Beauchamp, USA, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jasper N. Beauchamp, USA, Ret., a patriotic veteran and a respected member of his community, died on February 6, 2019, at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, born in Iowa Park, Texas, on August 15, 1918, Jasper "Chuck" Beauchamp was the oldest boy of eight children born to Jack and Essie Beauchamp; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Beauchamp learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age; he worked on his grandfather's farm in Falls County, Texas, from the age of nine and ran his own mule team to plow fields for several other local farms; and

WHEREAS, in his early years, Chuck Beauchamp also picked cotton, worked on a ranch, and provided care for a diabetic individual; during the Great Depression, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and sent his pay home to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Beauchamp served as a coast watcher on the west coast in the lead up to World War II and was inducted into the United States Army on February 10, 1941; and

WHEREAS, assigned to the 330th Infantry Regiment, Chuck Beauchamp was in the second wave of the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, France, in 1944 and participated in the Normandy, Ardennes, and Rhineland campaigns; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his determination, courage, and gallantry in action, Chuck Beauchamp was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Silver Star Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, and two Purple Hearts; and

WHEREAS, shortly before his honorable discharge in 1945, Chuck Beauchamp married Velma Mae Heathcoat, then pursued a long career with General Tire, retiring after 36 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Beauchamp's greatest joy in his life was his beloved family, and he was well known for opening his home to anyone in need; he proudly helped raise his brothers, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and family friends, imparting to them his keen appreciation for the importance of leadership and service to others; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Velma, Chuck Beauchamp will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Donald, Linda, and Michael, and their families, including his eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Staff Sergeant Jasper N. Beauchamp, USA, Ret., a member of the "Greatest Generation" who made many contributions to his community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Staff Sergeant Jasper N. Beauchamp, USA, Ret., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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