

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 259

*Celebrating the life of Francis Holden.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2020  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2020

WHEREAS, Francis Holden, a heroic veteran, esteemed businessman, and beloved member of the Culpeper community, died on January 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by friends and family as "Pup," Francis Holden was born in Harrington, Delaware, as the youngest of 12 children; and

WHEREAS, enlisting with the United States Marine Corps in 1943, Francis Holden proudly served the country in the Pacific theater of World War II, including deployments to the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Japan, and China; and

WHEREAS, possessing excellent business acumen, Francis Holden enjoyed great success in several industries throughout his accomplished career; he spent over 40 years managing industrial plants, first for Playtex and later for clothing manufacturer Aileen, all while owning the car dealership Eagle Ford; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Francis Holden's entrepreneurial spirit could not be contained; along with his wife, Janet, he built The Holden Group, one of the leading real estate businesses in Culpeper, and he became a partner in a travel agency, leveraging one of his lifelong hobbies into another prosperous business opportunity; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer and adept ballroom dancer who visited all 50 states and more than 25 countries, Francis Holden lived his life to the fullest, buoying others over the years with his unceasing optimism; and

WHEREAS, Francis Holden will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife of 34 years, Janet; his children, Lois, Holly, Pamela, and Jill, 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 Francis Holden, an honorable veteran, respected businessman, and cherished member of the Culpeper 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 Francis Holden as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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