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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 70**

Offered February 11, 2020

Celebrating the life of George Bartholomew Rodenburg.

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WHEREAS, George Bartholomew Rodenburg, honorable veteran, accomplished chemical engineer, and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in New York, New York, George Rodenburg enjoyed a classic big-city childhood, filled with games of curb ball, ringolevio, and stickball; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, shortly after turning 18, George Rodenburg enlisted in the United States Navy, serving two years before being honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, George Rodenburg earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Manhattan College in 1948, followed by a master's degree in chemical engineering from Niagara University two years later; and

WHEREAS, devoting his entire career to the water treatment technology company Infilco, initially as a chemical engineer and later as a contract manager, George Rodenburg spent many years in Tucson, Arizona, before moving with the company to Richmond in 1971; and

WHEREAS, distinctly proud of his family's heritage, George Rodenburg was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization in the country; and

WHEREAS, a devout Catholic, George Rodenburg was an active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Richmond, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community for many years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Kathleen, George Rodenburg will be dearly remembered and missed by his children, Anne, Monica, George, and Martha, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Bartholomew Rodenburg, heroic veteran, dedicated chemical engineer, and cherished member of the Richmond 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 George Bartholomew Rodenburg as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.