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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 190

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Celebrating the life of Winston G. Lawson.

Patrons—DeSteph, Cosgrove, Howell, Reeves, Ruff and Spruill; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Cole, M.L., Delaney, Heretick, Hope and Rasoul

WHEREAS, Winston G. Lawson, distinguished veteran and longtime member of the United States Secret Service, died on November 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in western New York, Winston "Win" Lawson earned a degree from the University of Buffalo before joining the United States Army in 1953, serving in the Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, with his prior military experience and an interest in law enforcement, Win Lawson joined the United States Secret Service in 1959, serving under seven administrations from President Dwight D. Eisenhower to President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, known for his detailed and thorough work as an advance agent, Win Lawson quickly moved up through the ranks, attaining the position of acting assistant director before his retirement in 1981; and

WHEREAS, with decades of experience in the United States Secret Service, Win Lawson continued to work in the intelligence community for 10 years and finished his career providing security to Reverends Billy and Franklin Graham during their appearances around the world; and

WHEREAS, committed to supporting his community, Win Lawson was active in several organizations including Meals on Wheels, the Francis Asbury United Methodist Church, the Association of Former Agents of the United States Secret Service, and Samaritan's Purse; and

WHEREAS, Win Lawson will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by his wife of 69 years, Barbara; his children, Andrea and Jeff, and their families; and numerous other family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Winston G. Lawson, beloved citizen of Virginia Beach, who gave many years of service to the country as an elite security and intelligence officer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Winston G. Lawson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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