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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 653

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Celebrating the life of Alfred Jerome Denney.

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Patrons—Hope, Levine and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Alfred Jerome Denney of Arlington, a retired civil servant and an enthusiastic tour guide who helped visitors explore and better appreciate the nation's capital, died on May 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bladensburg, Maryland, Alfred Jerome "Jerry" Denney attended Eastern High School in Washington, D.C., then served his country as a member of the United States Army, deploying to post-war Japan with an engineering unit; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Jerry Denney earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and subsequently began a distinguished career with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 25 years, Jerry Denney worked at the Central Intelligence Agency, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, upon his well-earned retirement, Jerry Denney pursued his passion for the nation's heritage as a tour guide in Washington, D.C., sharing his lifetime of knowledge about the city's history, monuments, and points of interest with thousands of visitors; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Jerry Denney offered his time and expertise to the Travelers Aid program at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Denney further strengthened the community as a member of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, and he enjoyed fellowship and worship as a longtime member of Saint George's Episcopal Church, where he was a frequent volunteer in the food pantry and other ministries; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of more than 60 years, Lucy, Jerry Denney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Charlie and Jane, 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 Alfred Jerome Denney; 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 Alfred Jerome Denney as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.