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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 662

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Celebrating the life of Joseph Maurice Tarantino.

Patrons—Robinson, Adams, D.M., Austin, Avoli, Byron, Cole, M.L., Davis, Delaney, Fowler, Heretick, Hope, McQuinn, Rasoul, Reid and Simonds; Senators: Boysko, Howell, Reeves, Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Joseph Maurice Tarantino, an honorable veteran who served his country during three wars and who was actively involved in several veterans service organizations, died on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tarantino joined the United States Army during World War II, proudly served his country during three wars as both an enlisted man and as an officer in the Military Police Corps, and received a Bronze Star for his service; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Joseph Tarantino later worked as chief of security at Philip Morris USA and owned a small business; and

WHEREAS, a leader both while in the military and throughout his retirement, Joseph Tarantino was active in several veterans service organizations, including the Military Order of the World Wars and the Military Officers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, a generous supporter of the Virginia War Memorial, Joseph Tarantino was proud of his service to the country and was always ready and willing to share his stories with middle and high school students and teachers from across the Commonwealth, both in person and through video conference; and

WHEREAS, a member of the "Greatest Generation," Joseph Tarantino was profiled in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Veterans Day in 2018 and was presented a special gift basket by CBS 6 Richmond on Memorial Day in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tarantino was interred with military honors at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia on January 7, 2021, where he will rest among his fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Tarantino will be dearly remembered and lovingly missed by his wife, Debra; his children, Ellen, James, Chris, and Mathew, 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 Joseph Maurice Tarantino, a beloved veteran who touched countless lives through his service to the country and to others; 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 Joseph Maurice Tarantino as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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