

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 698

Commending O. R. Singleton, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021
Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

WHEREAS, O. R. Singleton, Jr., a respected veteran of the Korean War and a talented engineer, has served and supported the Richmond community for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, O. R. "Duke" Singleton, Jr., grew up in Washington, D.C., where he attended Saint Albans School, then matriculated at the University of Virginia and joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve while studying engineering; and

WHEREAS, Duke Singleton's reserve unit was activated during the Korean War, and he deployed to the Korean Peninsula as a member of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, Duke Singleton earned a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation for his actions during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, a short but brutal campaign fought in severe winter weather and subzero temperatures; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Duke Singleton returned to the Commonwealth to graduate from the University of Virginia and then pursued a career with Reynolds Metals Company in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Duke Singleton worked primarily in the research laboratory of Reynolds Metals Company and received several awards and patents for his work on the extrusion of aluminum alloy and brazing technology; and

WHEREAS, Duke Singleton retired from Reynolds Metals Company after 30 years and then established his own firm and gained a contract with NASA Langley Research Center; and

WHEREAS, shortly after arriving in Richmond, Duke Singleton met and married his beloved wife, the late Marianna Foster Cabell; the couple proudly raised two sons, Cabell and Alec, and one daughter, Mary, who predeceased him; and

WHEREAS, Duke Singleton has enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregations of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church and St. James's Episcopal Church, and he has taken an active role in the Stonewall Court Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Stonewall Court for 62 years, Duke Singleton has watched numerous families come and go in the neighborhood, becoming known to generations of fellow residents as a wise elder who can fix anything and is always ready with a joke or sage insight; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend O. R. Singleton, Jr., for his legacy of service to the United States, the Commonwealth, and his fellow Richmond residents; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to O. R. Singleton, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his personal and professional achievements.

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