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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 181

Offered March 2, 2022

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Patrick Joseph White.*

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Patrick Joseph White, an honorable veteran, esteemed spiritual leader at Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond, and a beloved member of the Richmond community, died on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Patrick "Pat" White graduated from Hopewell High School in 1972 and briefly attended Washington and Lee University before he enlisted with the United States Navy, serving his country admirably from 1975 to 1981 as a petty officer first class on the USS *America*; and

WHEREAS, following his years of service, Pat White settled in Richmond, embarking upon a career in the field of information technology (IT) while pursuing a degree at Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, after rising to the position of IT director for both Overnite Transportation and Markel Corporation, Pat White took an early retirement to teach theology at Benedictine College Preparatory in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, as an educator at Benedictine College Preparatory from 2003 until 2016, Pat White fostered the intellectual and spiritual development of hundreds of young men, contributing to their success both in the classroom and in life; and

WHEREAS, inspired to extend his wisdom and faith further into the community, Pat White earned a master's degree in theology from Saint Leo University and became a deacon in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pat White then served at Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Richmond for several years, helping the parish to swell both in size and spirit while providing its members with enlightening and edifying counsel; and

WHEREAS, Pat White enjoyed the distinct privilege of standing on the altar with Pope Francis during the Jubilee of Deacons celebration at the Vatican in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pat White will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Katherine; his children, Elizabeth, Christopher, and Bridget, and their families; and numerous other family members 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 the Reverend Patrick Joseph White, a cherished member of the Richmond community whose kind and caring nature and dedication to service were an inspiration to all who knew him; and, be it

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

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