## 2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 673**

Celebrating the life of Eugene Joseph Meyung.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Eugene Joseph Meyung, a veteran of World War II, respected insurance professional, and active member of the Charlottesville community, died on May 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Eugene "Jeep" Meyung grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Germantown High School; he briefly attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Emory & Henry College, then reported to the United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School at Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy in 1944, then volunteered for training as a member of the Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT), the precursor to the Navy SEALs; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung served as a platoon officer in Underwater Demolition Team 23 in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and he later became a life member of the UDT-SEAL Association; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung returned to the Commonwealth to complete his bachelor's degree from Emory & Henry College, then earned a law degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung practiced law with Michael and Musselman in Charlottesville, then established Hamilton and Meyung in Wise County; in 1953, he joined State Farm Insurance and ultimately became the deputy regional vice president; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Jeep Meyung joined GEICO and helped guide the company through a challenging period; he served as president of GEICO for four years, then founded his own one-man consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung offered his leadership and insights to the boards of several companies in the Plymouth Group and served as chief executive officer of the Mt. Washington Assurance Corporation before his retirement at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Geraldine, who died in 1994 and with whom he had two children, and his second wife, Suzanne, who died in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jeep Meyung will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, John and Martha; his wife of nearly 14 years, Derry, and her children, Heather and Sean; his second wife's children, William and Cynthia; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Eugene Joseph Meyung; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Eugene Joseph Meyung as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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