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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 700

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Celebrating the life of Preston C. Caruthers.

Patrons—Hope, Bennett-Parker, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Preston C. Caruthers, a respected community volunteer and generous philanthropist who significantly enhanced the quality of life in Arlington through his driven leadership, died on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Preston Caruthers was born in Oklahoma and learned the value of hard work and responsibility while growing up during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Preston Caruthers left high school to join many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II and became a medical corpsman with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Preston Caruthers settled in Arlington, where he attended The George Washington University through the G.I. Bill and learned homebuilding skills from his older sister Lorraine's husband, George Snell; and

WHEREAS, Preston Caruthers and George Snell ultimately worked together for many years and enjoyed successful careers in building and development; and

WHEREAS, Preston Caruthers volunteered his leadership and expertise to numerous community organizations, including the Arlington County School Board, the Mount Vernon Advisory Committee, and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a champion for education, Preston Caruthers also served on the Virginia State Board of Education, the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education, and the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, and he was a signatory to the original charter of George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Preston Caruthers made generous donations to Marymount University, Shenandoah University, Arlington's Outdoor Lab, the Nature Conservancy, and St. Jude Children's Hospital; his contributions also helped save the Arlington Planetarium and led to the establishment of a Nursing Scholarship at Arlington Hospital; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career and community service, Preston Caruthers was an avid reader and accomplished traveler, who brought joy to others through his sense of humor and zest for life; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his beloved wife, Jeanne; one daughter, Dana; and his younger sister, Gladys, Preston Caruthers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Stephen, John, Lynn, and Lisa, and their families; his sister, Lorraine; 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 Preston C. Caruthers; 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 Preston C. Caruthers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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