

2023 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

Celebrating the life of Edward Morris Levine.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Edward Morris Levine, an accomplished gun rights advocate and motorcycle safety educator and an active and beloved member of the Potomac Falls community, died on November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Edward "Ed" Levine was born in Munich, Germany, and raised in Vienna, graduating from Oakton High School in 1981; and

WHEREAS, while still in high school, Ed Levine was a member of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, receiving Vienna Fireman of the Year honors in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ed Levine joined the United States Marine Corps and, after a medical discharge, went on to pursue his interest in aviation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

WHEREAS, Ed Levine was a passionate advocate for firearms education, rights, and safety, founding OpenCarry.org, serving the Virginia Citizens Defense League as a member of its board of directors and its social media director, and educating others as a certified firearms instructor; and

WHEREAS, Ed Levine loved to ride his 2006 Triumph Rocket III motorcycle and gave generously of his time riding for civic causes, including the Virginia Patriot Guard, which provides motorcycle escorts for veterans and their families, and the Ride for Jill's House, a fundraiser event supporting a respite center in Vienna for children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ed Levine was dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety, both as a certified motorcycle safety instructor at Motorcycle Riding Concepts in Fairfax County and by uploading educational dash cam videos for the benefit of his followers on social media; and

WHEREAS, Ed Levine will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 28 years, Teri; his daughter, Brooke Nicole; 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 Edward Morris Levine, a cherished member of the Potomac Falls community whose wisdom, kindness, and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

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

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