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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

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Celebrating the life of David Stuart Buchanan, Sr.

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WHEREAS, David Stuart Buchanan, Sr., honorable veteran, accomplished insurance agent, and active and beloved member of the Mecklenburg County community, died on November 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Clarksville High School Class of 1949, Stuart Buchanan enlisted with the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954 and bravely served his country as a crypto operator in Japan and during the Korean War, decoding and coding secret messages to aid in the nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Stuart Buchanan studied at the University of Richmond before embarking on a successful, 35-year career as an agent with State Farm Insurance, during which time he worked tirelessly to meet the needs of his clients; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to fostering the growth and development of young people, Stuart Buchanan organized and managed several youth baseball teams and later helped build the Clarksville Education and Enrichment Complex, now the Mecklenburg County Community Services Corporation; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the president of the Clarksville Jaycees, Stuart Buchanan collaborated with local pharmacist Bill Thompson to acquire the polio vaccine for the community, greatly improving public health in the area for generations to come; he also served eight years on the Mecklenburg County Social Services Board; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran who was commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Roanoke River Post 8163, Stuart Buchanan played an outsized role in the establishment of the Mecklenburg County Veterans Memorial in Clarksville in 2004, as he designed the monument, served as its chief fundraiser, and oversaw its maintenance for several years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his daughter Julie, Stuart Buchanan will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 65 years, Marianne; his children, Beth and David, Jr., 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 David Stuart Buchanan, Sr., a community leader of Mecklenburg County whose extraordinary efforts 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 David Stuart Buchanan, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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