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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 158

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Celebrating the life of John J. Rice.

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WHEREAS, John J. Rice, a respected veteran and a highly admired attorney who served communities in Hampton Roads and on the Virginia Peninsula, died on February 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Richmond, John "Jack" Rice was the son of a United States Navy officer and lived throughout the United States in his youth, gaining a lifelong appreciation for the great outdoors on numerous hunting, fishing, and camping trips around the country; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rice earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and a master's degree and law degree from The College of William and Mary; he served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and later rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rice practiced law in Williamsburg, Newport News, and throughout Hampton Roads for 41 years and was well known by colleagues for his intelligence and sharp wit; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rice touched countless lives as a longtime associate professor at Hampton University, where he taught business law and inspired young men and women to achieve their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Jack Rice enjoyed riding his Tennessee Walking Horse and spending time with family and friends at his farm, Woodfield; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rice will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of more than 50 years, Linda; his sons, John and James, and their families; and many 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 John J. Rice; and, be it

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