

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 655

Commending Ralph B. Fields, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, April 2, 2025

WHEREAS, Ralph B. Fields, Sr., an honorable veteran of the United States Navy, has greatly served the Commonwealth as a docent at the Virginia War Memorial for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Fields has delivered countless talks and presentations to students, teachers, and visitors of the Virginia War Memorial, helping many to develop a greater understanding of World War II and how it impacted the nation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to giving generously of his time, Ralph Fields has selflessly gifted to the Virginia War Memorial several personal items belonging to his brother, Edwin Fields, who was killed in action while flying as a gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-24 Liberator bomber; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Fields has regularly appeared in movies produced by the Virginia War Memorial that explore aspects of life in the United States during World War II, while also participating in a number of the institution's livestream programs; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Fields played an instrumental role in acquiring a model B-25 airplane that today hangs in the main lobby of the Virginia War Memorial and is one of the marquee exhibitions at the site; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Ralph Fields's passion and commitment to the Virginia War Memorial's mission, the institution named him its Volunteer of the Year in 2022; and

WHEREAS, by helping to preserve and share stories of service and sacrifice from World War II for the benefit of future generations, Ralph Fields has earned the admiration and respect of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Ralph B. Fields, Sr., hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a United States Navy veteran and docent of the Virginia War Memorial; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ralph B. Fields, Sr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's high regard for his contributions to the Virginia War Memorial and the Commonwealth.

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