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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 947

Offered October 27, 2025

Celebrating the life of Sergeant Major Frank Alexander Longrie, USA, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frank Alexander Longrie, USA, Ret., an honorable veteran, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and beloved member of the Pearisburg community, died on September 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milwaukee, Frank Longrie was a member of the United States Army for 26 years, retiring with the highest United States Army enlisted rank of sergeant major; and

WHEREAS, Frank Longrie served his country with honor and distinction during two overseas tours, one in Thailand and one in Germany, and while stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Frank Longrie instructed freshman cadets as a member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps and was notably the first sergeant major and executive officer of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets; and

WHEREAS, Frank Longrie's military decorations over his career included the Meritorious Service Medal upon retirement, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, eight Army Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Special Forces Tab, the Egyptian Parachutist Badge, the Imperial Iranian Parachutist Badge, and the Royal Thai Army Airborne Wings; and

WHEREAS, with his friendly and personable demeanor, Frank Longrie never met a stranger, as he developed many strong and meaningful relationships with people throughout Pearisburg and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Frank Longrie gave generously of his time as a member of the Jefferson Christian Academy School Board and the Giles County Bible Bus Board and as vice president of the Christian Motorcyclists Association in Princeton, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Frank Longrie was deeply committed to his faith throughout his life and enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Riverview Baptist Church in Ripplemead; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife, Merle Ann, his children, Donna, Frank II, and Travis, Frank Longrie will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 31 years, Joyce; his children, Sheila and Angela, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sergeant Major Frank Alexander Longrie, USA, Ret., a revered member of the Pearisburg community whose legacy of unwavering faith and dedicated service is an inspiration to all who knew him; 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 Sergeant Major Frank Alexander Longrie, USA, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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