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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 703

Offered October 29, 2025

Commending Dennis Dunlap.

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WHEREAS, Dennis Dunlap of Gainesville, a member of the Greatest Generation who served the nation with honor and distinction during World War II, celebrated his 104th birthday in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Dunlap was born on March 24, 1921, and grew up on his family's farm in northwest Missouri; he lived in a four-room kit house purchased from a catalog that was not equipped with phones, electricity, or running water; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Dunlap has witnessed numerous historic events over the course of his life, from the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression to the Moon landing and the rise of modern technology; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, not long after his high school graduation, Dennis Dunlap was drafted into the United States Army Air Corps to serve the nation during World War II; he was initially stationed in North Africa, then spent much of his service as a mechanic at an air base on the island of Corsica; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Dennis Dunlap returned to the United States and continued to work as a mechanic for General Motors, building Pontiacs, Buicks, and Oldsmobiles, then subsequently worked as a chief engineer for the Darby Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Dunlap currently resides at The Wellington at Lake Manassas, where he is one of the most active members of the community, participating in morning exercise classes and other programs, while also going above and beyond to serve as an advocate for his fellow residents; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Dunlap brings joy to everyone he meets through his humility, kindness, and wealth of knowledge, and he relishes every opportunity to impart his wisdom to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Dennis Dunlap hereby be commended for his lifetime of achievements in service to his community, the Commonwealth, and the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dennis Dunlap as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his legacy of accomplishments and a life well lived.

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