

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 187

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and celebrate the life of Lieutenant Richard Clive "Tito" Lannom, U.S. Navy Reserve.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor the life and accomplishments of a courageous member of the United States Armed Forces who gave his life while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Union City, Naval Reserve Lieutenant Richard Clive "Tito" Lannom, United States Navy, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in combat in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Tito Lannom was assigned to Attack Squadron Three Five, USS *Enterprise* (CVA-65); on March 1, 1968, he served as the bombardier and navigator aboard an A-6A aircraft on a night strike mission over Quang Ninh Province, North Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lannom was declared missing in action when a search and rescue effort failed to find evidence of either the plane or its pilot after he failed to make his rendezvous with the carrier; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the work of a team excavating a crash site on Tra Ban Island, Lieutenant Richard Clive Lannom will finally be laid to rest with full military honors at East View Cemetery on March 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his widow, Charlotte B. Shaw, and his cousins, John Lannom and Edward Lannom; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lannom's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action, at the cost of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon him, his unit, and the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lannom's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in serving all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and celebrate the life of Naval Reserve Lieutenant Richard Clive "Tito" Lannom, a young man who served his country with purpose and conviction in the U.S. Navy and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of democracy worldwide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.