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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 167

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Celebrating the life of Richard Markeloff.

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WHEREAS, Richard Markeloff, a respected scientist and researcher who was an active and beloved member of the Herndon community, died on September 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and member of the Cornell University Class of 1982, Richard Markeloff earned a doctoral degree in high energy physics from the University of Wisconsin after completing applied research at the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Switzerland and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, following his postdoctoral studies at Northern Illinois University, Richard Markeloff honed his software skills and was hired by Lucent Technologies as an engineer; and

WHEREAS, seeking better opportunities for himself and his family, Richard and his wife, Jeannine, relocated to Herndon, where they often explored the local, state, and national parks with their daughter, Mia, and son, Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, a born scientist driven by his innate curiosity, Richard Markeloff loved the Commonwealth's natural flora and fauna and greatly enjoyed cultivating its native plants, which he always could identify by their scientific name; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in environmental preservation, Richard Markeloff preferred his bicycle to his car and was a longtime supporter of both the National Resources Defense Council and The Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, Richard Markeloff used his expertise as a scientist in service to the country's defense, working on various project teams as a research scientist at the MITRE Corporation and later as a senior scientist at Raytheon BBN; and

WHEREAS, Richard Markeloff loved to share his knowledge with others and generously mentored innumerable young people as a volunteer teacher at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, a math tutor at Herndon High School, and a leader with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a proud lifelong Democrat, Richard Markeloff was an active member of both the Dranesville District Democratic Committee and the Fairfax Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Richard Markeloff will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 33 years, Jeannine; his children, Mia and Nicholas; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Richard Markeloff, an accomplished research scientist and cherished member of the Herndon community whose passion for life inspired 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 Richard Markeloff as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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