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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 174

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Celebrating the life of Victor J. Kimm.

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WHEREAS, Victor J. Kimm, an esteemed government executive, environmental management and public policy expert, and active and beloved member of the McLean community, died on November 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Victor Kimm graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School before earning bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Manhattan College and New York University; he later also studied economics and public administration at Princeton University through a national public affairs fellowship; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, Victor Kimm was a volunteer community developer in rural Mexico and later an engineering consultant for entities in Latin America; following a stint at the United States Economic Development Administration and his academic fellowship at Princeton University, he took a senior position at the newly established United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he remained for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Victor Kimm held several prominent positions throughout his tenure with the EPA, including director of the Office of Drinking Water, where he helped implement the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, and deputy assistant administrator of the former Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances, where he oversaw the agency's resources for licensing new pesticides and industrial chemicals and controlling hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary efforts as a leader in implementing environmental policy that enhanced the well-being of millions of Americans, Victor Kimm was recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Executive in 1989; and

WHEREAS, beyond his work with the EPA, Victor Kimm advised the World Health Organization and United Nations on environmental management and regional development issues and taught environmental management and public policy at the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, for nearly three decades, Victor Kimm gave generously of his time to Share of McLean, a volunteer-run nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance to individuals and families in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Victor Kimm served as president and held various positions on the board of Share of McLean during his time with the organization and in 2010 was honored with the Outstanding Community Citizen award by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for his tireless efforts to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Victor Kimm will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 63 years, Patricia; his children, Kevin, Terence, Victoria, Stephen, and Kathleen, and their families; 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 Victor J. Kimm, a cherished member of the McLean community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Victor J. Kimm as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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