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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 377

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Celebrating the life of John Stephen Karinshak.

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WHEREAS, John Stephen Karinshak, a highly admired member of the Arlington community, died on February 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, John Karinshak moved to the Washington, D.C., area after graduating from Fairchance-Georges High School; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak began a long and distinguished career in law enforcement as a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, then joined the Arlington Police Department in 1966; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 33-year career, John Karinshak served as a detective and became the captain of the Arlington Police Department's Narcotics Unit; he also earned a bachelor's degree from American University during that period; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a police officer, John Karinshak encountered many young people in need of mentorship and positive influences, and he strove to make a difference in the community by volunteering with youth organizations and serving as a coach for youth athletics teams; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak offered his leadership to the Arlington Host Lions, Eyeglass Recycling Center of Northern Virginia, Better Sports Club of Arlington, Arlington Sports Hall of Fame, and Arlington County Babe Ruth Baseball; he was also active with the local Optimist Club and enjoyed working at the club's annual Christmas Tree Lot; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a devout member of St. Ann Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Karinshak will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Judith; his son, George, and his family; 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 John Stephen Karinshak; 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 John Stephen Karinshak as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.