HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 799

Celebrating the life of David Alan Denne.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 26, 2007 Agreed to by the Senate, February 1, 2007

WHEREAS, David Alan Denne, a respected businessman and longtime coach of youth baseball and softball in Fairfax County, died on October 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, David "Dave" Denne was the founder of Assessment Strategy & Tactics, Inc., of Fairfax, now ACEC/MW, or the American Council of Engineering Companies of Metropolitan Washington, a local affiliate of the American Council of Engineering Companies, which serves and supports the metropolitan Washington engineering community; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in both the business and civic activities of Fairfax County, Dave Denne was best known for his hard work and dedication to ensure that all area young people had every

opportunity to participate in sports; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dave Denne was a great supporter and member of the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA), providing valuable service and leadership on its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, for more than 10 years, Dave Denne was involved in CYA Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, which give boys the chance to participate in a regular season, fall, and summer baseball program under an inspirational coach and role model; and

WHEREAS, Dave Denne was instrumental in establishing Babe Ruth Baseball in the CYA in the late 1990s, giving talented teenage players a golden opportunity to continue to play baseball after their Little League participation ended due to age limits; and

WHEREAS, Dave Denne also coached girls' softball for a number of years, which he enjoyed immensely because his girls loved to play and displayed great sportsmanship, always having something complimentary to say about their fellow players; and

WHEREAS, generously volunteering his time and immense talents, Dave Denne worked tirelessly to find playing fields for boys and girls and their teams, building partnerships with Chantilly area companies and organizations to provide young people with sports opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Dave Denne was also an effective fundraiser by organizing the annual CYA Batathon during the 1990s, enlisting friends, relatives, and area residents to rally to support CYA sports for the benefit and enjoyment of the community and its special and deserving boys and girls; and

WHEREAS, David Denne will be fondly remembered for his kind and generous nature and will be greatly missed by his devoted wife Catherine, his loving daughter Amanda and son Nathan, numerous other family members and friends; and countless young players whom he coached over the years in Fairfax County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding community volunteer and fine Virginian, David Alan Denne; 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 David Alan Denne as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.