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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 450

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*Celebrating the life of Mukit Hossain.*

Patrons—Howell, Barker, Herring, Marsden, Petersen, Puller, Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple; Delegates: Brink, Bulova, Ebbin, Englin, Filler-Corn, Greason, Herring, Hope, Hugo, Keam, Kory, Plum, Rust, Scott, J.M., Sickles, Surovell and Watts

WHEREAS, Mukit Hossain was a telecommunications executive and an admired civic leader during his lifetime and was named the Herndon Times' Citizen of the Year for 2004; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Mukit Hossain came to the United States in the 1970s on a full scholarship to Duke University; after earning a bachelor's degree, he went on to earn a master's degree from North Carolina State University; and

WHEREAS, a respected professional, Mukit Hossain began his exemplary career in telecommunications working for companies across the United States before relocating to the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area in the late 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Mukit Hossain was an innovative and resourceful leader who served as an executive for several telecommunications companies, playing a pivotal role in helping them achieve their missions; and

WHEREAS, Mukit Hossain took an active role in the political and civic life of his community, serving as a trustee of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center, as a board member of the Virginia Muslim Political Action Committee, and as a member of the board of directors of the Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate for those in need, Mukit Hossain raised thousands of dollars to purchase coats for day laborers; helped found Project Hope and Harmony, which represented a number of faith communities that worked to provide an organized day labor site and social services; and organized the provision of healthy meals to homeless residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mukit Hossain worked with Muslim and Jewish leaders to lobby the General Assembly to pass a bill making it illegal to label a product halal or kosher if it was not, which was eventually signed by Governor Timothy Kaine; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mukit Hossain retired from the corporate world and moved with his family to the Fredericksburg area, where he established a farm where goats could be naturally raised to yield meat that would be halal; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity and compassion, Mukit Hossain selflessly reached out to those less fortunate and touched the lives of all who knew him, leaving behind a legacy that others may strive to emulate and that his wife, Sabrina, and children, Maya and Hana, may cherish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired civic activist, Mukit Hossain; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Mukit Hossain as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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