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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 161

Offered February 8, 2012

*Celebrating the life of James Warren Geurin.*

Patrons—Herring; Delegate: Minchew

WHEREAS, James Warren Geurin, a respected congressional staffer, enthusiastic community supporter, and admired Sterling District representative who served Loudoun County Public Schools with great distinction while a member of the Loudoun County School Board, died on April 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Warren Geurin moved to the Washington, D.C., area with his family in 1976 as an employee of United States Congressman Gene Taylor; he would later serve as Minority Investigator on the United States House of Representatives Committee on Post Office and Civil Service serving Congressmen Gene Taylor and Trent Lott; and

WHEREAS, Warren Geurin also served as minority counsel to the United States House Committee on Rules serving Congressmen Gene Taylor, Trent Lott, and Delbert Latta; United States House Committee on Rules staffer to Congressman Charles Pashayan; and legislative counsel to Congressman Chris Smith; and

WHEREAS, Warren Geurin was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as director of congressional affairs to United States Secretary of Transportation Andrew Card and entered the private sector in 1992; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in civic affairs, Warren Geurin served as the chair of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Citizen's Tax Equity Committee, secretary and director of the Sterling Youth Soccer Association, a member of the Loudoun County Republican Committee, and president of Sterling Commuter Bus and St. Joseph's Catholic Church Pastoral Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Warren Geurin was elected to the Loudoun County School Board, serving as a tireless advocate for students, quality public education, and the school system for 12 years until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Warren Geurin brought a wealth of experience to the school board, both from his professional and active civic life and as the father of children who had attended elementary, middle, and high schools in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, a passionate leader known for his ability to effectively work with others, Warren Geurin served as chair of the Loudoun County School Board's Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, member of the Personnel Services Committee and Legislative and Policy Committee, and liaison to the Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Warren Geurin was a strong advocate for new construction and renovations to existing schools to accommodate the burgeoning student population and ensure appropriate student class size to facilitate learning; and

WHEREAS, during Warren Geurin's tenure on the school board, Forest Grove Elementary School was built and Rolling Ridge Elementary was renovated with the addition of new classrooms, while Sterling Middle School and Park View High School also underwent renovations; and

WHEREAS, a man of tremendous integrity and vision, Warren Geurin served his community and country with remarkable devotion and helped position Loudoun County Public Schools to continue to provide a superior education to all of its students in the future; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Warren Geurin will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Susie; children, Jennifer, Kirstie, and Jeff, and their families; and his numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 outstanding public servant, James Warren Geurin; and, be it

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

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