

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

Celebrating the life of William E. Albers.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014

WHEREAS, William E. Albers, a respected businessman and consultant who served on many legislative and election campaigns over a distinguished 28-year career, died on February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, William "Bill" Albers began a long career in government service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, where he rose to a management position; he later joined the Department of Justice, where he served as a staff advisor to the attorney general and the deputy attorney general; and

WHEREAS, Bill Albers became the national fundraising director for the presidential campaign of James Earl Carter, Jr., in 1975; he later served as a member of the Carter Transition Team and helped create a volunteer citizens' criminal justice program; and

WHEREAS, Bill Albers was appointed by President Carter to serve on the Appalachian Regional Commission, where he led economic development efforts in 13 states; in 1979, he became the deputy assistant to the president for political affairs; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Bill Albers founded Albers & Company, an Arlington-based state government relations and consulting firm, which has grown to become one of the premier consulting firms in the country of its type, serving state and local governments and businesses and organizations throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Bill Albers was a key resource and a recognizable fundraiser for government officials and candidates on both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, Bill Albers was a proponent and early supporter of the Democratic Leadership Council, a nonprofit organization which helped launch the first presidential campaign of William Jefferson Clinton in 1992; and

WHEREAS, during the 1992 campaign, Bill Albers served as a member of the finance steering committee; in 1996, he served as the cochairman of the Democratic Leadership Council's Talent Inventory Project; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Bill Albers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Pamela; son, Carter; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired businessman with 28 years of experience in government service, William E. Albers; 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 William E. Albers as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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