

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Celebrating the life of Dr. Ronald Franklyn Kirby.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2014

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Franklyn Kirby, a deeply respected transportation planning expert in the Washington, D.C., metro area, died on November 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Adelaide, Australia, Ronald "Ron" Kirby earned a bachelor's degree and a doctorate degree from the University of Adelaide; and

WHEREAS, Ron Kirby moved to the United States and became the director of the transportation program for the Urban Institute, where he used his keen intellect to analyze federal highway and public transportation programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he joined the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as the director of the department of transportation planning for the national capital region; over the course of his illustrious 26-year career, he became the region's foremost authority on the complexities of transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, Ron Kirby worked on several important projects throughout his career, including on the Wilson Bridge, the I-495 express lanes, the high occupancy vehicle lanes, the Intercounty Connector corridor, and studies on how telework impacts traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS, admired and trusted by his peers, Ron Kirby could remember the details of programs instantly and could explain complex problems with ease and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, known as "Dr. Gridlock," Ron Kirby loved helping the region, and he often remarked that he had never worked a day in his life; and

WHEREAS, with his collaborative style of leadership, Ron Kirby could process a variety of different viewpoints and offer wise counsel, uniting people under the common goal of maintaining mobility in the region; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication, passion, and professionalism, Ron Kirby leaves a legacy of leadership that will be felt in the Commonwealth for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Ron Kirby will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his wife, Anne; children, Marilyn, Josef, and Jeremy, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dr. Ronald Franklyn Kirby, a respected and admired public official who worked tirelessly to better the Commonwealth and the Washington, D.C., metro area; 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 Dr. Ronald Franklyn Kirby as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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