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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 565

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*Celebrating the life of Gregory Mark Hembree.*

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WHEREAS, Gregory Mark Hembree of Centreville, a deeply respected community leader who served the residents of the Town of Vienna as the planning and zoning director, died on September 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, Gregory "Greg" Mark Hembree earned a master's degree in geography and urban planning from the University of Kansas, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hembree relocated to the Commonwealth and, desirous to be of service to the community, he joined the Town of Vienna staff in October 1987; he quickly earned respect for his professionalism and ability to explain complex concepts in clear and simple terms; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished 27-year career, Greg Hembree developed an encyclopedic knowledge of zoning code and land-use cases in the area and could quote sections of the town code of ordinances from memory; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hembree proudly worked to create new opportunities for local residents by supporting the Maple Avenue Corridor commercial zone, a plan that would encourage building developers to initiate mixed-use projects; and

WHEREAS, with his flexible and cooperative leadership style, Greg Hembree encouraged others to be proactive in formulating projects and policies that benefited all residents of the Town of Vienna; he was an admired mentor to his fellow town employees, and he leaves an unmatched legacy of excellence for future civil servants; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hembree will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Marla; sons, Steven, Quentin, Lee, and Kurt, and their families; parents, Will and Constance; 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 Gregory Mark Hembree, a pillar of the Vienna community; 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 Gregory Mark Hembree as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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