

2015 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 746

Celebrating the life of Paul Gagnon.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 6, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, February 12, 2015

WHEREAS, Paul Gagnon of Franconia, an admired community leader who served as a magistrate of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, died on November 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Paul Gagnon grew up in the Franconia community and graduated with the second graduating class of Hayfield Secondary School; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, Paul Gagnon enlisted in the United States Air Force after high school; he served as an air traffic controller from 1972 to 1976, including a posting in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gagnon earned a bachelor's degree from Chapman University and certification as a medical laboratory technician from the Georgetown School of Arts and Sciences; he also earned one of the first master's degrees in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 2005, Paul Gagnon served members of the community as an employee of Inova Alexandria Hospital; he also served as a part-time substitute teacher and founded a training and consulting business; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in local civics, Paul Gagnon was the chair of the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, the president of Northern Virginia Mediation Services, and a board member of the Lee District Council of Civic Organizations; he ran for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors three times, bringing awareness to important issues with each campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Paul Gagnon became a magistrate of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, serving Fairfax County residents; he earned a reputation for fairness, sound decision-making, and a commitment to justice; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gagnon always worked to be a better Christian and friend to members of the community; he generously volunteered his time and talents to enhance the lives of his fellow residents and earned the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Paul Gagnon will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Johna, and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Paul Gagnon; 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 Paul Gagnon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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