

2016 SESSION

ENROLLED

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57

Celebrating the life of Anthony Young.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 2016
Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Anthony Young, a passionate advocate for disability rights who strove to ensure that all residents of the Commonwealth with disabilities could live full, independent lives, died on December 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Fairfax County, Anthony "Tony" Young worked for United Cerebral Palsy, Inc., and disability rights and rehabilitation organizations in Washington, D.C., then served as senior public policy strategist for SourceAmerica; and

WHEREAS, Tony Young chaired the committee that founded ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV), a community-based resource and advocacy center that promotes independent living for people with disabilities, and served as the center's first executive director; and

WHEREAS, during ECVN's first year of operation, Tony Young worked with the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission to adopt a landmark human rights ordinance, protecting individuals with disabilities from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations; in recognition of his exceptional achievements, he was named as ECVN Board Member Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Tony Young also served as second vice president of Handicaps Unlimited of Virginia, a statewide coalition of people with disabilities with whom he worked to achieve passage of the Virginians with Disabilities Act and the creation of the Department for the Rights of Virginians with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Tony Young will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Kathleen; son, Cameron; 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 Anthony Young, a hardworking advocate for disability rights; 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 Anthony Young as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

ENROLLED

HJ57ER