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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 347

Offered February 1, 2017

Celebrating the life of Jose Monge Montano, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Jose Monge Montano, Jr., an activist and a hardworking member of the Falls Church community, died the weekend of July 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jose Montano graduated from Norfolk Catholic High School and George Washington University, where he worked in the Division of Student Affairs; as a young man, he attended a youth symposium sponsored by the Filipino American National History Society, which inspired him to dedicate his life to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Jose Montano worked diligently to enhance the quality of life of his fellow Filipino Americans; he helped organize a voter registration project through Filipino Civil Rights Advocates and served as one of the youngest executive directors of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013, Jose Montano was appointed to the Virginia Asian Advisory Board and later served as a regional director of constituent services for Senator Timothy M. Kaine; and

WHEREAS, in all his endeavors, Jose Montano championed social justice and equality, supporting access to health care, voter education, and immigrant rights, and he worked to instill his love of democracy in everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, Jose Montano will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Jose and Loreto; siblings, Amy and Ben, 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 Jose Monge Montano, Jr., an activist who supported and strengthened the Filipino American 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 Jose Monge Montano, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.