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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 404

Offered February 13, 2017

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Won Sang Lee.*

Patrons—Petersen; Delegate: Keam

WHEREAS, the Reverend Won Sang Lee of Vienna, the senior pastor emeritus of Korean Central Presbyterian Church who touched countless lives in the Commonwealth and around the world through his wise spiritual leadership, died on December 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Republic of Korea, Won Sang Lee earned a bachelor's degree from Keimyung University and a master's degree from Kyungpook National University; then he relocated to the United States and continued his studies at Dallas Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Won Sang Lee began serving as a pastor of Korean Central Presbyterian Church, one of the largest Korean mega-churches in the United States, which was founded in Vienna and is now located in Centreville; he provided exceptional spiritual guidance and inspirational leadership to the congregation for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Won Sang Lee served as the international director of SEED International, which supports Christian missionaries throughout the world, and was a cochair of the Korean World Mission Council for Christ; and

WHEREAS, Won Sang Lee earned many awards and accolades for his good work, including the 2001 Governor's Award for Outstanding Religious Institution for his work with the Korean Central Senior Center; he led an opening prayer for the Virginia House of Delegates, and in 2002, he became the first Korean to lead an opening prayer for the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Won Sang Lee earned a doctorate from the University of Wales at the age of 72 and founded Prassion, a prayer mission organization; and

WHEREAS, Won Sang Lee will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and congregants; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Reverend Won Sang Lee, a highly admired spiritual leader in Northern Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Won Sang Lee as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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