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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 403

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Celebrating the life of John J. Harold.

Patrons—Bulova; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, John J. Harold, a respected psychologist who was a compassionate advocate for children in Fairfax County, died on June 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as a child, John Harold spent several years in Japan while his father served as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps during the Occupation after World War II; and

WHEREAS, John Harold returned to his home state of New York to attend school and later graduated from Manhattan College, earned a master's degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and pursued advanced graduate studies in clinical psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, John Harold began his long and fulfilling career as a child psychologist with Virginia Commonwealth University and later served with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board; he specialized in helping victims of sexual abuse and played a critical role in the establishment of a program to centralize investigations of child sexual abuse and support services for survivors of abuse; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement as a psychologist, John Harold developed a keen interest in civic life and worked as the voter registrar for the City of Fairfax and was later a member of the City of Fairfax Electoral Board; and

WHEREAS, John Harold offered his wisdom and leadership to the community as the first male member of the City of Fairfax Commission for Women and a member of the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps, the Fairfax 2020 Commission, and the advisory committee to the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, of which he served as chair; and

WHEREAS, John Harold will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Penny; his sons, John, Jr., and Brendan, and their families; 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 John J. Harold, a child psychologist and admired member of the Fairfax 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 John J. Harold as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and thankfulness for his presence among us.

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