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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 50

Offered February 28, 2018

*Celebrating the life of Philip W. Ross.*

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WHEREAS, Philip W. Ross, a respected computer and technology professional and a champion for mental health in the Manassas community, died on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Philip "Phil" Ross grew up in the Howard Park neighborhood of Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, for 25 years, Phil Ross worked on large-scale computer and communications systems in both the public and private sectors; he offered his expertise to clients throughout the world, including the Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Sperry Univac, and the Indonesian Ministry of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Phil Ross then planned and developed internet-enabled electronic commerce and banking systems, as well as large-scale data centers, until his well-earned retirement in 2001, when his focus turned to mental health advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Phil Ross worked with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to coordinate local, statewide, and national mental health treatment and education programs and cofounded a NAMI chapter in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to holding leadership positions in NAMI Virginia, NAMI Northern Virginia, and NAMI Prince William, Phil Ross worked with mental health support groups and organizations through an ad hoc regional recovery workshop to provide grants to support local businesses focused on mental health; and

WHEREAS, Phil Ross also offered his time and leadership to the Board of Directors of Trillium Drop-In Center in Woodbridge, a jail diversion program, and a mental health stakeholders group; and

WHEREAS, Phil Ross will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Evelyn; children, Angie and Jim, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Philip W. Ross, who touched countless lives through his work to promote and support mental health treatment; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Philip W. Ross as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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