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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1082**

Offered February 18, 2019

*Celebrating the life of Richard Lee Proffitt.*

Patrons—Roem, Ayala, Bell, John J. and Hugo; Senators: Barker, McPike, Stuart and Surovell

WHEREAS, Richard Lee Proffitt, a dedicated husband, father, and friend, who served students in Prince William County as a school bus driver, died on February 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dayton, Ohio, Richard Proffitt relocated to the Commonwealth with his family at a young age and graduated from George Mason High School in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Richard Proffitt accepted a position with Prince William County Public Schools as a bus driver; he was passionate about mentoring young people in addition to making sure that they had a safe trip to and from school; and

WHEREAS, Richard Proffitt was a trusted friend and a supportive coworker, and he was well-known in the community for his bright smile and infectious laugh; and

WHEREAS, Richard Proffitt was recognized by the National Teachers Hall of Fame when his name was added to the Memorial to Fallen Educators, which pays tribute to educators who lost their lives while in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Richard Proffitt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of more than 35 years, Laura; his four children and three grandchildren; 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 Richard Lee Proffitt; 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 Richard Lee Proffitt as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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