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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1100

Offered February 18, 2019

Celebrating the life of Gary Carlo LaPorta.

Patrons—Simon; Senator: Saslaw

WHEREAS, Gary Carlo LaPorta, honored veteran and treasured member of the Falls Church business community, died on February 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gary LaPorta served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971 and was a veteran of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, following the war, Gary LaPorta moved to Northern Virginia and worked for AT&T; he and his wife, June, also owned Miniatures from the Attic, a cherished small business located in Falls Church; after Gary LaPorta closed the business, he earned his bachelor's degree from George Mason University and worked for the Commissioner of the Revenue of the City of Falls Church until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Gary LaPorta served for many years in the Falls Church Chamber of Commerce, holding several positions including chair, membership committee vice chair, legislative committee vice chair, secretary, and board member; and

WHEREAS, as the longtime chair of the Employee Advisory Council, Gary LaPorta was a passionate and effective advocate for city employees; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his service to the community, Gary LaPorta was honored as a "Pillar of the Community" in 2018, the Falls Church Chamber of Commerce's highest recognition; he also received the Commander Hap Day Chamber Appreciation Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, beyond the Falls Church Chamber of Commerce, Gary LaPorta made many contributions to the community; as owner of Miniatures from the Attic, he hosted a series of field trips to the shop for students to learn about area, perimeter, and scale using a dollhouse; he won the Acacia Bank Good Guy Award in 2006 and 2007 for this program; he was also named the Business in Education Partner of the Year in 2009, the first recipient of this award; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, June, Gary LaPorta will be dearly remembered by his daughter, Connie, and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Gary Carlo LaPorta, honored veteran and valued member of the Falls Church 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 Gary Carlo LaPorta as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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