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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 945

Offered February 12, 2019

Celebrating the life of David P. Bobzien.

Patrons—Plum, Delaney, Keam and Sullivan; Senators: Boysko, Howell and Ebbin

WHEREAS, David P. Bobzien, a respected legal professional who served the Fairfax community as county attorney for more than two decades, died on December 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien grew up in Jersey City, New Jersey, graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts in 1968 and the University of Virginia School of Law in 1971, and earned a Master of Laws degree from The George Washington University School of Law in 1975; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien served his country as a captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for four years, then joined the firm Fitzgerald and Smith in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, from 1979 to 1992, David Bobzien worked as an assistant counsel in the Office of Professional Responsibility of the United States Department of Justice; he joined the Fairfax County government as county attorney in 1993 and provided expert legal advice on criminal, civil, and ethical issues to the Board of Supervisors until his retirement in 2016; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien served Fairfax County with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction in his capacity as county attorney; he mentored countless young lawyers and civil servants and gained the trust and respect of his colleagues for his grace and knowledge of the law; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his leadership in the legal profession, David Bobzien served as president of the Virginia State Bar in 2004 - 2005, becoming the first local government attorney to hold the office, and was an active member of several other peer organizations; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien represented the Commonwealth in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and was a member of the association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien was active in the community as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Reston Association Board of Directors, and the Reston Runners, and he supported young people as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, David Bobzien will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Cathy; his sons, David, 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 David P. Bobzien, a respected attorney and public servant in Fairfax County; 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 David P. Bobzien as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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