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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 269

Offered February 19, 2020

Commending Michael Montante.

Patrons—Krizek and Sickles

WHEREAS, Michael Montante, owner and founder of Michael Montante, CPA & Associates in Alexandria, has been serving the tax and accounting needs of citizens of the Commonwealth for many years; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Michael Montante established Michael Montante, CPA & Associates, specializing in small businesses and individuals with advanced tax situations under Virginia and federal law, with clients filing returns in 25 states; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Virginia House of Delegates' Committee on Finance, Michael Montante provided information explaining how Virginia tax laws conformed to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; this information was essential in supporting the recent tax refund enjoyed by families and individuals throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Michael Montante provides free tax seminars at local retirement communities and community centers for seniors, their families, and parents and guardians of disabled persons who need help navigating the current tax law; and

WHEREAS, Michael Montante makes a special effort to help certain clients who cannot travel due to their age or disabilities, bringing the Montante, CPA & Associates' office to them; and

WHEREAS, Michael Montante's passion for helping persons with disabilities extends to his work with the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities, which he has served for eight years, counseling the FCPS School Board and its superintendent on how to best serve the division's population of students with disabilities or special education needs; and

WHEREAS, Michael Montante has served FCPS as a Special Education Parent Liaison with two Parent Teacher Associations, helping families with children receiving special education services by sharing his knowledge of resources available through FCPS and the community; and

WHEREAS, committed to supporting the youth in his community, Michael Montante has coached youth soccer and basketball since he was 17 years old, helping a generation of young people discover the joys of teamwork, avoid harmful activities, and learn to respect each other and the community; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer at the Church of Saint Clement in Alexandria, which is an overflow facility for the hypothermia shelter provided by the Carpenter's Shelter, Michael Montante can often be found opening or closing the church shelter and providing for the needs of the community's homeless; and

WHEREAS, with a tireless dedication to serving others, Michael Montante has improved countless lives in the Commonwealth as an accountant, advisor, coach, volunteer, and friend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael Montante, owner and founder of Michael Montante, CPA & Associates, for his many years serving citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Montante as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his contributions to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

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