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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 371

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*Celebrating the life of Robert J. Hatfield.*

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WHEREAS, Robert J. Hatfield, an esteemed management consultant, tireless social justice and gun violence prevention advocate, dedicated Special Olympics coach, and beloved member of the Fairfax community, died on January 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Massachusetts, Robert "Bob" J. Hatfield graduated from Melrose High School and Northeastern University and lived in New York City, New York, for several years before spending the last four decades in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hatfield had a remarkable career in fields of management consulting and contract management serving numerous companies and organizations, including Link Aviation, Syracuse University, Old Dominion University, the World Bank, PRC/Litton, Northrop Grumman, and SAIC; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Bob Hatfield was an independent consultant who had assignments around the world, including in Germany and the Netherlands; throughout his career, he was a leader of his industry, serving as national director, fellow, and chapter president of the National Contract Management Association; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Bob Hatfield was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) for 34 years, where he enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community; and

WHEREAS, at UUCF, Bob Hatfield served as a lay minister, board president, and a social justice leader, advocating for gun violence prevention and immigration justice; he established the UUCF Science, Reason & Religion weekly forum, coordinated and delivered annual Thanksgiving donations to homeless members of the community in Washington, D.C., volunteered at Beacon House, and taught ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses; and

WHEREAS, for his humble, dedicated service and years of commitment to social justice, Bob Hatfield was honored with the UUCF Founders Award and the Sollenberger Community Action Award; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished ice skater, Bob Hatfield was a Special Olympics ice skating coach for 30 years, assisting countless youth with special needs in their pursuit of Olympic glory; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hatfield will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 51 years, Joy; his children, Victoria, Brian, and Brad; 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 Robert J. Hatfield, cherished member of the Fairfax 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 Robert J. Hatfield as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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