HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 529

Celebrating the life of Tracy Lee Taliaferro.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 28, 2020

WHEREAS, Tracy Lee Taliaferro, an esteemed health care executive and beloved member of the Prince George County community, died on April 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Anderson, South Carolina, Tracy Taliaferro was raised in Prince George County from the age of seven and would later graduate from Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career as a certified respiratory therapy practitioner, Tracy Taliaferro served patients at the former Petersburg General Hospital, now Southside Regional Medical Center, from 1980 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, earning his law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1996, Tracy Taliaferro further pursued opportunities to serve others and help his community; and

WHEREAS, a guardian ad litem for children and elderly adults, Tracy Taliaferro took great care to ensure vulnerable individuals were protected from the threat of physical and mental abuse and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, dedicating his career to providing patients and their families with compassionate end-of-life care, Tracy Taliaferro served on the Board of Directors of the Crater Community Hospice in Petersburg since 2001, serving twice as its chair, and ultimately leading the organization as its chief executive officer as of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Taliaferro supported his community's emergency response services as a life member, volunteer, and legal advisor to the Prince George County Emergency Crew and as a member of the Critical Incident Stress Management team of the Old Dominion Emergency Medical Services Alliance; and

WHEREAS, ever motivated to protect others, particularly the most vulnerable in society, Tracy Taliaferro was a member of the Tri-Cities Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse, an organization committed to ensuring a safe environment for abused children; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout life by his deep and abiding faith, Tracy Taliaferro enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Monumental Baptist Church in Petersburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Taliaferro will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife, Debra; his mother, Barbara; his sister, Lynn; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Tracy Lee Taliaferro, a distinguished health care professional who touched countless lives through his unwavering commitment to serve others; 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 Tracy Lee Taliaferro as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.