

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 543

Celebrating the life of Pierre Nkepnang.

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

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang, a thoughtful humanitarian and devoted family man of Gainesville, died on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang was born in Bafang, Cameroon, on January 1, 1954, to Ngongang Jean Nkepnang and Yoni Pauline Nkepnang; he was a devoted husband to his wife, Charlotte Nkepnang, and loving brother to his sister and brother; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang began his career as director of international relations for Chase Manhattan Bank in Cameroon before transitioning to a career path providing international humanitarian relief and development aid; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang served the international community through his work as a program director and development specialist and in several management positions with national governmental organizations and international relief organizations, such as Freedom from Hunger in Mali, Save the Children, World Vision International, Care International, and Mercy Corps; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang's humanitarian pursuits led him to work in and visit many countries around the world, including the Philippines, Haiti, Senegal, Mali, and many inland nations within the African Union; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang's dedication to international relief work was inspired by the struggles and barriers he experienced during his childhood in Cameroon; he was a firm believer of being a selfless citizen of the world and considered sponsoring children through humanitarian programs to be one of the greatest achievements of his life; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang was an empathetic and supportive listener who was open, sensitive, and insightful to the opinion and circumstances of others; he had a warm sense of humor in the way he always joked with and supported his children, showing them to never take life's problems and hurdles too seriously; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang did everything he could to make sure his children were able to travel everywhere they wanted, including taking them on a vacation to Disney World when they were young and to his native Cameroon to connect with their family's roots and culture; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Nkepnang was fiercely loyal and devoted to those he loved, especially his children, Rose, Dean, and Gilles, and his partner in life, Charlotte; he was a man of both deep character and peace who effused the values of patience, kindness, and modesty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Pierre Nkepnang, a dedicated humanitarian worker and beloved member of the Gainesville community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Rose Kepnang as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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