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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 587

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Celebrating the life of David Howard Evans.

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WHEREAS, David Howard Evans, founder of La Prima Food Group and a beloved member of the Mount Vernon community, died on August 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, raised in Columbus, Ohio, David "Dave" Howard Evans attended Eastmoor High School, where he played football alongside two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans graduated from Miami University of Ohio and began his career as a certified public accountant, becoming a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and specializing in restaurant management, real estate development, and retail operations; and

WHEREAS, with his past experience as a certified public accountant, Dave Evans co-founded 1001 Restaurant Corporation, now known as La Prima Food Group, building the company into one of the largest catering firms in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans was dedicated to the well-being of his hundreds of employees, ensuring everyone earned a living wage, received quality health care, and had the opportunity to grow in their careers; as a result of this dedication, many employees would stay with the company for decades, a rare occurrence in the food service industry; and

WHEREAS, guided by Dave Evans' commitment to sustainable agriculture and other environmental causes, La Prima Food Group became distinguished throughout the region as a leading eco-friendly company; and

WHEREAS, through his work with Good Shepherd Housing and United Community, Dave Evans was instrumental in convening partners to secure affordable housing and other support for vulnerable families; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans supported local businesses and the economic prosperity of his community as a board member of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a passionate baseball fan who supported his daughters in everything they pursued, Dave Evans was longtime treasurer of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association and assisted as a softball coach, groundskeeper, and league manager for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, both a board member and benefactor of the Burgundy Farm Country Day School, Dave Evans furthered the independent school's commitments to the natural world, environmental learning, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife of 39 years, Teresa; his children, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Madeline, and their families; 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 David Howard Evans, a man of great integrity and an unwavering supporter of his family, friends, and all of those in need; 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 Howard Evans as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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