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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 547

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Celebrating the life of Kevin Beekman.

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WHEREAS, Kevin Beekman, an economist and community advocate who was a pillar of the Arlandria neighborhood in Alexandria for many years, died on August 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as an economist specializing in travel and transportation forecasting, Kevin Beekman worked tirelessly in support of environmental issues, smart growth strategies, and social justice, both in his neighborhood and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Beekman moved to Arlandria, a neighborhood situated along the border of Alexandria and Arlington County, in the 1990s and devoted his life to the responsible development and oversight of his newfound home; and

WHEREAS, a proponent for economic revitalization efforts and affordable housing, Kevin Beekman inspired others with his vision for a thriving and inclusive Arlandria; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Kevin Beekman was a member of the joint task force of the Four Mile Run Restoration Project and helped cofound the Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation, greatly enhancing the park for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Beekman was co-founder and ever-present supporter of the Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, a convivial weekly gathering that has promoted local agriculture and community ties since 2010; and

WHEREAS, as editor of the local blog, "The Arlandrian," Kevin Beekman gave generously of his time and energy to celebrate the spirit and diversity of his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Beekman will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife, Nathalie; his children, Claire and Nora; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Kevin Beekman, an economist and community advocate whose legacy in the Arlandria neighborhood of Alexandria will be cherished for years to come; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Kevin Beekman as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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