HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 506

Commending Petra Barrientos.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 15, 2021

WHEREAS, Petra Barrientos, a longtime resident of Great Falls, has admirably served her community for several years as a hospice care volunteer, comforting many individuals and families in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, Petra Barrientos was born in southern Germany, moving to the United States and earning an undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, after years in Germany working for a boutique consulting firm and her family's business, Petra Barrientos moved with her family in 1996 back to the Commonwealth, where she raised her three sons; and

WHEREAS, after her sons went off to college, Petra Barrientos felt a calling to help others, particularly the elderly, by providing hospice care; for several years, she has worked daily as a hospice volunteer, generously giving over 2,000 hours of her time and assisting more than 40 patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, working primarily with the VITAS Healthcare organization, Petra Barrientos gives amply of her time to individuals outside of the formal hospice environment who lack adequate support to look after themselves; and

WHEREAS, the countless letters and calls of gratitude Petra Barrientos has received from family members and friends of her patients are a testament to the profoundly positive impact she has had on others' lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Petra Barrientos, a devoted hospice care volunteer in Great Falls, hereby be commended for her inspirational efforts to care for others; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Petra Barrientos as an expression of the House of Delegates' heartfelt admiration for her servant's heart and steadfast dedication to helping those in need.