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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 620

Offered February 25, 2021

Celebrating the life of Morgan D. Rodgers.

Patron—Webert

WHEREAS, Morgan D. Rodgers, a vibrant young member of the Warrenton community and a beloved daughter, sister, friend, and teammate, died on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rodgers grew up in Warrenton, where she attended the Highland School and became well known as a talented, multisport athlete at Kettle Run High School; in addition to playing soccer and basketball, she rode in equestrian events and was a standout lacrosse player; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rodgers was recognized at the state and national levels for her achievements in lacrosse; she was selected for the 2013 and 2014 Under Armour All-America lacrosse teams and was a two-time Brine National High School All-American; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014, Morgan Rodgers matriculated at Duke University, where she continued to play lacrosse and studied psychology; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rodgers was passionate about arts and music, and she was a loyal and trusted friend who sought to bring joy into the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, after her passing, Morgan Rodgers's family established the nonprofit Morgan's Message to raise awareness of mental health issues among student-athletes, advocate for more resources for diagnosis and treatment, and create a safe, welcoming environment for young people in need; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Rodgers is fondly remembered and greatly missed by her parents, Kurt and Dona; her siblings, Aberle and Austin; 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 Morgan D. Rodgers; 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 Morgan D. Rodgers as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.