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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 626

Offered February 25, 2021

*Celebrating the life of John Duncan Marsh.*

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WHEREAS, John Duncan Marsh, an honorable veteran and esteemed public servant who led the Town of Purcellville for many years as mayor and councilmember, died on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Marsh was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the Kent School in Connecticut before his family resettled in Purcellville in 1950; and

WHEREAS, John Marsh continued his educational pursuits at Washington and Lee University, where he graduated in 1957 after a leave of absence to serve his country with courage and valor as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, John Marsh began his career in the personnel and human resources departments of Marriott International, Navy Federal Credit Union, and Computer Sciences Corporation, and he later worked as a financial consultant for Wheat First Securities for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Marsh served on the Purcellville Town Council from 1986 to 1994 and then as the town's mayor from 1994 to 2002, overseeing a period of meaningful economic growth that had a transformative effect on the region; and

WHEREAS, beyond his public service, John Marsh had an outsized impact on the community through his involvement with the Purcellville Business and Professional Association and Virginia Regional Transit, an organization that helped connect western Loudoun County with the Greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to protecting the historical and cultural resources of the Commonwealth for the enjoyment of future generations, John Marsh volunteered with the Loudoun Historical Society and served as director of the Purcellville Preservation Association; and

WHEREAS, John Marsh's commitments to the community included service as president of the Leesburg Chapter of Rotary International, which named him a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his generous efforts to help others and advance the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his loving wife, Nancy, John Marsh will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his devoted children, Lea, Sue, David, Chris, and Michael, and their families, and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of John Duncan Marsh, a treasured public servant of Purcellville whose warm and generous nature touched countless lives; 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 John Duncan Marsh as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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