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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 629

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Celebrating the life of Eric J. Maybach, M.D.

Patrons—Webert; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, Eric J. Maybach, M.D., a skillful engineer who worked on consequential projects throughout the nation and a trusted local physician in Fauquier County who served generations of community members, died on March 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach grew up in Bowmansville, New York, where he attended St. Mary's High School, and later moved to Edina, Minnesota, with his family; and

WHEREAS, in his college years, Eric Maybach studied both engineering and medicine and earned bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Eric Maybach traveled to Alaska, where he put his engineering skills to use during the construction of the Alaska Highway; he also panned for gold, which he used to make a wedding ring for his wife, Georgian, and later supported his family by working as a fur trapper; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach completed a medical internship in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, then served his country as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach subsequently worked for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where he participated in the development of kidney dialysis machines; during that time, he also helped design a joystick for the lunar landing module in the Apollo program; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Eric Maybach began working a second job in the emergency department of Fauquier Hospital, and in 1973, he and his family settled in Warrenton, where he established a private medical practice on Stuyvesant Street; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach was highly admired for his bedside manner and unparalleled care for his patients, putting people at ease through his compassion and breadth of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach often served three or more generations of the same family; he made regular house calls to patients who were unable to travel, and he welcomed patients in need into his home at any time; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach inspired future generations of medical professionals by providing internships in his office, and he trained volunteer medics for local fire and rescue companies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his medical practice, Eric Maybach also became the director of the emergency department at Fauquier Hospital and served as medical director in a local jail, where he strove to help inmates find a path to reintegrate into society at the end of their sentences; and

WHEREAS, outside of his career, Eric Maybach was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed bird watching, caring for sick or injured wild animals, and farming; and

WHEREAS, a devout Catholic, Eric Maybach enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Warrenton community as a member of St. John's Catholic Church and led fundraising to build a new Catholic school in the area; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach was related to the founders of the German luxury car brand, Maybach, which is now owned by Mercedes-Benz; he proudly restored a 1939 vintage Maybach and traveled to Germany several times to participate in celebrations of his family's history in the automotive industry; and

WHEREAS, Eric Maybach's wife, Georgian, passed away in 2016; he is fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Mary, Jill, Julie, Peter, Anita, Eric II, and Sarah, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Eric J. Maybach, M.D., a highly admired engineer and family doctor who touched countless lives in Fauquier County; 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 Eric J. Maybach, M.D., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.