

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 629

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

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2023
 Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 2023

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.

ENROLLED

HJ629ER