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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 445

Offered February 23, 2023

Celebrating the life of Johnny West Monaco.

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WHEREAS, Johnny West Monaco, an esteemed civil servant with the United States Census Bureau and an active and beloved member of the West Springfield community, died on February 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Seaford, Delaware, Johnny Monaco earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware before enjoying a successful 43-year career at the United States Census Bureau, where he was a great manager and mentor to many and respected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Monaco nurtured a deep love for baseball throughout his life; after going to New York as a young boy and watching the New York Yankees in the World Series, winning a state championship with his Little League team, and playing baseball on his high school team, he discovered the great joy of coaching when he led his son's West Springfield Little League team in 1981 and 1982; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Monaco became an integral member of West Springfield Little League, coaching with his best friend, Charlie Philips, for 41 years and serving on the organization's board and in other capacities since 1983 until this past season; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Monaco's commitment to innovation and his dedication to the West Springfield Little League earned him numerous accolades and awards over the years, including the Anthony D. Musco Award from District 9 Little League; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Monaco will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, Darlene; his first wife, Patricia; his children, Richard and Sarah; 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 Johnny West Monaco, a cherished member of the West Springfield community whose kindness and generosity 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 Johnny West Monaco as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.