HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 945

Celebrating the life of Gregory J. Gilker.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2011 Agreed to by the Senate, February 25, 2011

WHEREAS, Gregory J. Gilker, an artist and community leader in Occoquan, died on June 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, born on October 22, 1957, in Alexandria, Gregory "Greg" J. Gilker attended Garfield High School, where he learned to play the upright bass, and attended Mary Washington College; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist, woodworker, photographer, and independent businessman, Greg Gilker owned art galleries in Fairfax, Quantico, and Occoquan and a photography studio for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 through 2010, Greg Gilker owned Roithers Frame & Design Center in his adopted hometown of Occoquan; and

WHEREAS, as the director of the highly successful Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show, Greg Gilker demonstrated his problem-solving skills and his talent for communicating with people in conflict; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his family, friends, and community, Greg Gilker was the proud father of two sons, Richard and Charles; and

WHEREAS, known for his kind heart and generous support to friends in need, Greg Gilker regularly volunteered his services to repair many homes of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Greg Gilker will be remembered by his two sons, Richard and Charles, and by his many friends, family members, and the arts community for his lasting contributions; 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 Gregory J. Gilker, artist and community leader; 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 Gregory J. Gilker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.