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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

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Celebrating the life of Louis Mikkelsen Petersen.

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WHEREAS, Louis Mikkelsen Petersen, a respected member of the Herndon community who uplifted others with his friendly manner and humble faith, died on August 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Louis "Lou" Mikkelsen Petersen was born on Whibdey Island in Washington state and spent his youth traveling around the country as part of his father's military service; and

WHEREAS, Lou Petersen attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk where he participated in his fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon and spent his time during and after college serving in the Virginia National Guard; and

WHEREAS, after entering the life insurance industry, Lou Petersen thrived professionally, holding the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow designation and winning the prestigious Robert S. Hap Day President's Cup given by the National Association of Insurance Financial Advisors; and

WHEREAS, serving as a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Virginia's Legislative Committee, Lou Petersen attended the yearly "Day on the Hill" where he would brief representatives on important insurance issues; and

WHEREAS, Lou Petersen donated his time to his church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, as a Sunday school teacher and youth leader organizer for rafting trips; he served on the Vestry and sang in the choir while he was a parishioner at Christ the King Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a dedicated follower of his faith, Lou Petersen was also a great community member and friend, who was instrumental in starting the Herndon Optimist Youth Lacrosse League, where he acted as the program's Boys and Girls commissioner and coached every year since the program began in 1995; and

WHEREAS, ever the family man, Lou Petersen, affectionately referred to by his children as their best friend, supported all three of his children in every aspect of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Lou Petersen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, three children, and many other family members, friends, and the community of Herndon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected member of the Herndon community, Louis Mikkelsen Petersen; 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 Louis Mikkelsen Petersen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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