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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1049

Offered February 18, 2019

Celebrating the life of Mitchel Raftelis.

Patrons—Carroll Foy; Senator: Surovell

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis, a lifelong resident of the Town of Quantico who dedicated himself to the service of others as a town council member, mayor, and generous volunteer, died on August 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis graduated from the historic Occoquan School and earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; he joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation as a lieutenant in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis began his career as an accountant with Zarpas and Company in 1949, then joined the M. T. Broyhill and Sons Corporation, and subsequently established his own accounting firm in 1958; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Mitchel Raftelis served as town treasurer and clerk and was elected to the Quantico Town Council, on which he served from 1967 to 1998; he became mayor from 1998 to 2006, then returned to service as a councilmember from 2006 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis helped strengthen the Quantico community by building strong relationships with local, regional, and state entities, and his knowledge of the town's history and its needs was unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest accomplishments, Mitchel Raftelis oversaw the creation of Quantico Municipal Park, and he helped raise more than \$800,000 over the course of 17 years for the construction of a new riprap seawall and a floating boat dock, as well as bike paths and landscaping projects; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis volunteered his time and wise leadership to the Freemasons, the Order of AHEPA, and the Prince William County Wetlands Advisory Board; he enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS, Mitchel Raftelis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Georgia; his daughters, Anastasia and Joyia, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Mitchel Raftelis, a champion for the Town of Quantico; 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 Mitchel Raftelis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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