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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 448

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Celebrating the life of Manuel Baca Fierro.

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WHEREAS, Manuel Baca Fierro, longtime resident of the Commonwealth and a respected attorney in Herndon, died on November 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Manuel "Mani" Baca Fierro was born in Western Kansas, but grew up in Northern Virginia, graduating from what was formerly Jeb Stuart High School in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, Mani Fierro always considered himself a native of the Commonwealth and vowed he would never leave, doing so only briefly to attend Northeastern University in Boston, where he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Mani Fierro served as an LBJ Fellow in the office of Congressman Esteban Torres and worked for the Washington, D.C., law firm Arnold and Porter; these experiences inspired him to once again leave the Commonwealth for Boston, where he earned a Juris Doctor degree from the New England School of Law; and

WHEREAS, after law school, Mani Fierro opened the Herndon Law Firm with his wife, Rachel Marie Fierro, and proudly served clients for many years in the areas of family law, criminal law, real estate law, bankruptcy law, business law, personal injury law, and estate planning; and

WHEREAS, Mani Fierro loved and was embraced by his Herndon community; he was active in civic life, serving as a mentor to many, a Little League coach, the president of the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, and a member of both the Rotary Club of Herndon and the Loyal Order of Moose; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his father, Manuel, Mani Fierro will be dearly remembered by his mother and stepfather, Bettie and Alex; his children, Mason and Sierra; his former wife and dearest friend, Rachel; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Manuel Baca Fierro, longtime resident of the Commonwealth and treasured member of the Herndon community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Manuel Baca Fierro as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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