

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 587

Celebrating the life of David Howard Evans.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 4, 2020

WHEREAS, David Howard Evans, founder of La Prima Food Group and a beloved member of the Mount Vernon community, died on August 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, raised in Columbus, Ohio, David "Dave" Howard Evans attended Eastmoor High School, where he played football alongside two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans graduated from Miami University of Ohio and began his career as a certified public accountant, becoming a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and specializing in restaurant management, real estate development, and retail operations; and

WHEREAS, with his past experience as a certified public accountant, Dave Evans co-founded 1001 Restaurant Corporation, now known as La Prima Food Group, building the company into one of the largest catering firms in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans was dedicated to the well-being of his hundreds of employees, ensuring everyone earned a living wage, received quality health care, and had the opportunity to grow in their careers; as a result of this dedication, many employees would stay with the company for decades, a rare occurrence in the food service industry; and

WHEREAS, guided by Dave Evans' commitment to sustainable agriculture and other environmental causes, La Prima Food Group became distinguished throughout the region as a leading eco-friendly company; and

WHEREAS, through his work with Good Shepherd Housing and United Community, Dave Evans was instrumental in convening partners to secure affordable housing and other support for vulnerable families; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans supported local businesses and the economic prosperity of his community as a board member of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a passionate baseball fan who supported his daughters in everything they pursued, Dave Evans was longtime treasurer of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association and assisted as a softball coach, groundskeeper, and league manager for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, both a board member and benefactor of the Burgundy Farm Country Day School, Dave Evans furthered the independent school's commitments to the natural world, environmental learning, and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Dave Evans will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving wife of 39 years, Teresa; his children, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Madeline, and their families; 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 David Howard Evans, a man of great integrity and an unwavering supporter of his family, friends, and all of those in need; 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 David Howard Evans as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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