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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 624

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Celebrating the life of Erik Gutshall.

Patrons—Hope, Lopez, Levine, Sickles and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall, a successful entrepreneur and former vice chair of the Arlington County Board, died on April 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of James Madison University and The George Washington University, Erik Gutshall had lived in the Lyon Park area of Arlington County since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall founded and served as president of the residential home improvement and maintenance firm, Clarendon Home Services; and

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall offered his expertise to the community as chair of the Arlington County Planning Commission, a member of the Arlington County Transportation Commission, and board member of the nonprofit organization Doorways for Women and Families; and

WHEREAS, at the regional and state levels, Erik Gutshall served as vice chair of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and chair of the Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee of the Virginia Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall was elected to the Arlington County Board in 2017 and worked diligently to build a stronger, more inclusive community and enhance the quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, admired as a true gentleman, a good man, and a servant-leader who demonstrated genuine care for his fellow Arlington County residents, Erik Gutshall was a passionate advocate for affordable housing and the creation of sustainable, walkable communities through the use of missing middle housing options; and

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Western Presbyterian Church, where he served on the facilities committee, and he generously volunteered his time as a youth soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, Erik Gutshall will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Renee; his three children; 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 Erik Gutshall, a respected entrepreneur and dedicated public servant in Arlington County; 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 Erik Gutshall as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his numerous good works and cherished memory.

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