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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 421

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Celebrating the life of Wilson L. Kirby.

Patrons—LaRock; Senator: Vogel

WHEREAS, Wilson L. Kirby, a highly admired public servant who strengthened the Berryville community, died on December 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Leesburg, Wilson Kirby graduated from George Washington High School in Alexandria and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Kirby achieved success as a businessman and a civil engineer, living in Loudoun County until 2000, when he relocated to Berryville; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to the community, Wilson Kirby campaigned for a seat on the Berryville Town Council by riding his bicycle door to door to engage with voters; he ultimately won his election and represented the residents of Ward Four from 2002 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Wilson Kirby was elected as the 27th mayor of Berryville in a landslide victory; he won an additional term in 2012 and worked diligently to enhance critical town infrastructure and build a strong sense of civic pride and community spirit among residents; and

WHEREAS, with his expertise in engineering, Wilson Kirby made lasting contributions to the community through the Berryville Town Council's Streets and Utilities Committee, and he oversaw important enhancements to the town's wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Kirby was a man of deep and abiding faith and had organized and led National Day of Prayer services at Rose Hill Park in Berryville every May for many years; and

WHEREAS, Wilson Kirby will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Catherine; his children, Matthew and Kimberly, 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 Wilson L. Kirby, a pillar of the Berryville community; 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 Wilson L. Kirby as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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