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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Offered March 7, 2022

Celebrating the life of Gilbert K. Davis.

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WHEREAS, Gilbert K. Davis of Fairfax, a former trial attorney and federal prosecutor who was involved in numerous high profile cases, died on February 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Waterloo, Iowa, Gilbert "Gil" Davis graduated from Cornell College and worked as a teacher and basketball coach in Iowa City; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis continued his education at the University of Virginia School of Law and was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia after graduating in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis prosecuted numerous significant federal cases, including the first aircraft hijacking in the United States, the first case related to the Clean Air Act, and the first case related to the Gun Control Act of 1968; he also drafted the Criminal Procedure Manual for the Eastern District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Gil Davis began practicing with the firm Duvall, Tate, Bywater and Davis in Northern Virginia; he subsequently filed a case against the Bethlehem Steel Company on behalf of a Kentucky landowner who claimed the ownership rights to the coal under his property, which ultimately resulted in the largest unliquidated damage award in state history; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis also represented Paula Corbin Jones in the landmark Supreme Court of the United States case *Clinton v. Jones*, in which the court ruled in a 9-0 decision that a sitting United States president does not have immunity from civil litigation for acts done before taking office and not related to the office; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Gil Davis ran for Virginia Attorney General in 1997 and he continued practicing law in the Fairfax area with the firm Gilbert K. Davis and Associates; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis served as parliamentarian of the White House Conference on Small Business and as general counsel and parliamentarian of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee; he was an active member of the Fairfax County Republican Committee and supported many local and state candidates for public office; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis also volunteered his time and wise leadership with the Rotary Club of Bailey's Crossroads; and

WHEREAS, Gil Davis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Pamela; his daughters, Luanne and Heidi, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Gilbert K. Davis, a distinguished attorney in Fairfax; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Gilbert K. Davis as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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