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Celebrating the life of David Harold Salzberg, Ph.D.

Patron—Keam

WHEREAS, David Harold Salzberg, Ph.D., a respected scientist and community leader in Vienna who helped provide accurate and timely information to the residents of the Commonwealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, died on March 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg graduated from James Madison High School in Vienna and earned a bachelor's degree in geophysics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, as well as master's and doctoral degrees in geological sciences from the State University of New York at Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg worked as a geophysicist and scientist at Multimax, Inc., from 1994 to 1995, when he joined Science Applications Internal Corporation, now known as Leidos, and over the course of his long and distinguished career, he gained a wealth of knowledge in data visualization tools and the development of scientific algorithms with practical applications; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg was an active member and officer of the Potomac Geophysical Society and published dozens of academic papers and presented at numerous professional conferences; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg's real-life experiences as a scientist inspired the creation of the recurring character Bert Kibbler on the television show *Big Bang Theory*; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg was an active volunteer throughout the Vienna community, serving as a science fair judge and a mentor for science students in local schools, as well as photographer of the James Madison High School marching band; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg was an avid baseball fan who proudly supported the Washington Nationals and further served his community as a youth softball coach; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, David Salzberg worked to combat misinformation about transmission rates and created a program to track COVID-19 cases in Virginia; he posted the results on his Facebook page and a blog, becoming a trusted source of local COVID-19 case numbers and analysis; and

WHEREAS, David Salzberg will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Bonnie; his daughter, Abigail; 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 Harold Salzberg, Ph.D., a highly admired member of the Vienna 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 David Harold Salzberg, Ph.D., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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