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death resolution; Dr. Peter Pingerelli

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION 2009

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF DR. PETER PINGERELLI.

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1 Dr. Peter Pingerelli passed away on February 18, 2024 at the age  
2 of 65.

3 A native of Detroit, Michigan, Peter Pingerelli grew up in an  
4 Italian household. He and his family began confronting the effects of his  
5 neuromuscular disease, spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), by his first  
6 birthday. The physical limitations of his SMA led to his early  
7 educational years occurring outside of the mainstream public educational  
8 system. Eventually, he was enrolled in public school, an experience that  
9 profoundly influenced the course of his future educational and career  
10 goals.

11 Peter attended Fitzgerald High School before attending Wayne State  
12 University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in  
13 Biology. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in Biophysics. While attending  
14 Wayne State University, Peter met his future wife, Beverly. He would  
15 frequent the lab where Beverly worked with poisonous dart frogs, calling  
16 Bev his frog lady. Peter and Beverly were married for 35 years in a  
17 relationship marked by commitment, growth and an unwavering belief in each  
18 other. In 1995, they welcomed their first child, Kayla, followed by  
19 Angela in 1997.

20 Peter always reminded his girls that "work is the essence of life,"  
21 a testament to the value he placed on hard work and contribution. His  
22 work experience included 25 years in the biotechnology industry directing  
23 commercial research and development, product management and marketing as  
24 an Academic Program Coordinator & Codirector of the Neuro-Proteomics  
25 Laboratory at the Barrow Neurological Institute. Dr. Pingerelli was an  
26 energetic educator and Associate Adjunct Faculty member at Grand Canyon  
27 University where he also served on the science advisory board. He held a  
28 specialized secondary STEM certificate through the Arizona Department of  
29 Education. His publications included commercial and academic works in the  
30 fields of neuroscience, biotechnology and space science and, more  
31 recently, included publications and essays reflecting on education,  
32 culture and disability. Dr. Pingerelli served two terms as a governing  
33 board member on the Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC), focused  
34 on career technical education opportunities for high school students and  
35 adults. He also managed his wife's campaigns, leading to two successful  
36 runs for the Arizona House of Representatives.

37 Peter Pingerelli spent his life advocating for reliance on one's own  
38 abilities, uncovering the potential of those abilities and, in the face of  
39 challenges, achieving personal well-being. His story is one of remarkable  
40 resilience and a testament to what the human mind, body and spirit can  
41 achieve and overcome if you make the choice to keep moving forward.

42 Therefore

43 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

44 That the Members of the House of Representatives express sincere  
45 regret at the death of Dr. Peter Pingerelli and extend their deepest  
46 condolences to his surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE JUNE 14, 2024.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 14, 2024.