

The Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Recognizes with Gratitude Bruce Neilson for His Passion, Dedication, and Commitment to
Service to The Commonwealth of Virginia and the Fairfax County Democratic Committee

Whereas,

Bruce Neilson was a valued member and supporter of The Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) over many decades.

FCDC relied upon Bruce's experience and hard work as Treasurer from 2002-2009 and Communications Advisor from 2014-2017.

He was recognized in 2017 as an "Unsung Hero" for his lifetime of dedicated service to FCDC.

He was vital to the success of numerous Road to Richmond Brunches and enthusiastically promoted our Democratic candidates and causes in local, state, and federal elections.

Bruce's volunteerism exemplified his commitment to Democratic values in service:

- With the Social Action Linking Together (SALT) for 20 years, during which time the organization achieved prison reform legislation, increases in the minimum wage, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grants, and homelessness prevention milestones;
- On the board of the Northern Virginia Literacy Council, the Alliance for Human Services, and other nonprofit organizations; and
- On the Board of the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) representing Fairfax County as a Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova appointee, and where he chaired the Finance Committee for several years.

Bruce served as Treasurer for Senate Majority Leader Richard Saslaw and other nonprofit organizations, including Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters (BRAWS).

FCDC marks the death of Bruce Neilson, an accomplished and beloved public servant, with deep sadness.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, in recognition of Bruce's career as a civil servant for the Department of Justice, his many years of service to our community and FCDC as a volunteer, friend, and mentor to the family of Fairfax Democrats, honors and celebrates Bruce's life by:

1. Establishing February 24, 2023, Bruce's birthday, as Bruce Neilson Day; and
2. Directing that a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Bruce's family as an expression of our party's respect for his legacy of service.