

*Fairfax County Democratic Committee Resolution  
Celebrating the life of Marwan Burgan*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan, a respected member of our community and this committee, passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2009; and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan served on the Congressional staff from 1985 to 1993 as a foreign policy Legislative Assistant, Legislative Director, and as Chief of Staff for Congressman Merwyn M. Dymally, a ranking Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan served on the FCDC Steering Committee as Vice Chair for Voter Registration and Chair of the Local Affairs Committee and was a member of the Outreach Committee of DPVA, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan served on Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross's staff as Chief Aid, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan was awarded the DPVA Grassroots Award, was selected as a Delegate to the 2004 National Democratic Convention, and was given the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Arab-American community for his work helping "New Americans" become citizens and participate in the political process, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan provided leadership in organizing the Arab American community for the Webb and Obama campaigns, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan started the PACE program to support minorities becoming staff on Capitol Hill, and*

*WHEREAS, Marwan Burgan will be fondly remembered for his grassroots activism and leadership and will be greatly missed by his brother Samer and by his mother Celina and brother Basil in Jordan; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, that the membership mourn the passing of an outstanding committee member and fine citizen of the County of Fairfax, Marwan Burgan.*

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*Scott Surrovell, Chair, FCDC, March 24, 2009*