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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 408

Offered February 8, 2000

On the death of Nancy McDonald Beyer.

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WHEREAS, Nancy McDonald Beyer of Falls Church, the former president of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Northern Virginia and a dedicated and effective advocate for people with mental disabilities, died on September 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, a native of White Plains, New York, Nancy Beyer moved to the Northern Virginia area in the 1930s, attended George Washington University, and graduated from Barnard College in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Beyer served as president of the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Northern Virginia and was a co-founder and trustee of the ARC Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Beyer was a member of the Coalition for the Mentally Disabled for Northern Virginia and a director of Langley Residential Support Services, a group home for adults with mental retardation; and

WHEREAS, a strong, committed, and effective advocate for people with mental disabilities, Nancy Beyer was a familiar face at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and at the General Assembly, where she frequently urged support of employment and group housing for people with mental illness and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, with her husband, Donald S. Beyer, Sr., Nancy Beyer was a longtime supporter of Camp Tapawingo, a former camp for mentally disabled adults in Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to assisting those with mental disabilities, Nancy Beyer was a persuasive, compassionate voice, on the local, state, and federal levels, for housing and support services for the people to whom she devoted so much of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a distinguished and singularly accomplished Virginian, Nancy McDonald Beyer; 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 Nancy McDonald Beyer as an expression of the high regard in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the people of Virginia.

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