

2006 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5089

Celebrating the life of Linda Irene Peacock Okerlund.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 20, 2006
Agreed to by the Senate, June 28, 2006

WHEREAS, Linda Irene Peacock Okerlund of Charlottesville, a respected citizen and longtime public servant, died on June 9, 2006; and

WHEREAS born in Stoneham, Massachusetts, on April 10, 1945, Linda Okerlund was the third daughter of Mary and Francis Peacock; and

WHEREAS, Linda Okerlund graduated from Stoneham High School where she was a member of the Honor Society, cocaptain of the cheerleading squad, and a spirited athlete on the varsity field hockey, basketball, and intramural volleyball teams; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Simmons College in Boston in 1966, Linda Okerlund worked for Harvard University administering a computer graphics and spatial analysis laboratory in the fields of land planning and environmental assessment; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Linda Okerlund moved to Charlottesville and became the director of the Central Piedmont Urban Observatory; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her new home and the residents of Charlottesville, Linda Okerlund served as emergency services coordinator and as a city budget analyst; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Linda Okerlund was appointed assistant city manager, a post she held until her death; and

WHEREAS, Linda Okerlund truly believed that Charlottesville is the best place to live and work as attested to by her 30-year career; and

WHEREAS, keenly involved in her community, Linda Okerlund was a great supporter of numerous civic organizations, including the McGuffey Arts Center and Camp Holiday Trails; and

WHEREAS, Linda Okerlund was an avid member of the Rivanna Rowing Club for over 10 years; she enjoyed weekly visits to the City Market embracing the bustling city center and supporting the vendors there; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, Linda Okerlund was honored with the John L. Snook Child Advocate Award for her dedication to the advancement of children's issues within the city's agencies; and

WHEREAS, Linda Okerlund will be fondly remembered for her compassionate and generous nature and will be missed by her devoted husband, Gary, her daughter, Alison, and her two sisters; numerous other family members and friends; and the citizens of the City of Charlottesville; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine public servant and outstanding Virginian, Linda Irene Peacock Okerlund; 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 Linda Irene Peacock Okerlund as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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