

2009 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 854

Celebrating the life of Ethel Mary Beun.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2009

Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2009

WHEREAS, Ethel Mary Beun, a distinguished resident of Alexandria and a lifelong philanthropist and entrepreneur, died on December 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, born in Singac, New Jersey, Ethel Beun was the eldest daughter of Stefan and Mary Dancho; in 1959 she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Beun founded a nursery and day school in Peru, where she taught reading and writing to 50 children; she taught in the District of Columbia prior to opening a gift shop, Unique, in Old Town Alexandria in 1969; and

WHEREAS, known for her compassion for people and animals, Ethel Beun founded a homeless cat shelter known as King Street Cats that rescues about 250 cats each year; and she donated the second floor of her business building for the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Beun was an active member of Arlington Metaphysical Chapel and enjoyed yoga and other exercise activities; and

WHEREAS, a loving and lively woman, Ethel Beun will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her devoted husband, Jim Logan; her daughter, Jennifer Rohrbach; her son, Brian Beun, Jr.; her two stepsons, Jim Logan, Jr., and David Logan; her seven grandchildren; and many other loving family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a fine Virginian, Ethel Mary Beun; 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 Ethel Mary Beun as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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