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Celebrating the life of Cassandra Olson Scholte.

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 WHEREAS, Cassandra Olson Scholte, a vibrant civic and community leader who once served as the executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia, died on September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montreal, Canada, Cassandra "Sandy" Scholte attended the University of Connecticut and served as a flight attendant for TWA before relocating to Virginia with her young family; and

WHEREAS, a model of engaged citizenry, Sandy Scholte took an active role in the political process as a supporter of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Scholte possessed a gift for uniting others and strong organizational skills that were evident in her roles with the Young Republicans, Young Americans for Freedom, Reagan Inaugural Committee, Republican National Committee, and National Conservative Political Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of the Republican cause and candidates, Sandy Scholte served as a Goldwater Girl, worked for Republican Senate campaigns, and served as a delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1976, 1980, and 1984; and

WHEREAS, as the executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia, Sandy Scholte provided outstanding leadership as she worked to advance the party's causes and candidates; and

WHEREAS, throughout all her worthy endeavors, Sandy Scholte remained committed to ensuring that her beloved family knew of her love for them and she made great efforts to create special family memories at holidays and birthdays; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her son, Robert, Sandy Scholte leaves behind to cherish her memory her children, Paul, Suzanne, Edward, and Cassandra, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected citizen of the Commonwealth, Cassandra Olson Scholte; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Cassandra Olson Scholte as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.