

2012 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

Celebrating the life of Judith Lee Utterback Lowe.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2012
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 8, 2012

WHEREAS, Judith Lee Utterback Lowe of Alexandria's Del Ray community, whose civic involvement and service to her city led her friends and admirers to call her the "First Lady of Del Ray," departed this life on November 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Washington, D.C., Judith "Judy" Lee Utterback Lowe graduated from Eastern High School and began her professional life soon afterward; she worked for the District of Columbia public schools and for the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, when Judy Lowe's husband, Lawrence, a member of the United States Air Force, was assigned overseas, the entire family moved to Japan for several years, where Judy served as president of the N.C.O. Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, when the family returned to the Washington, D.C., area, Judy Lowe worked for organizations affiliated with the United States Department of Defense, including the Vela Seismological Center, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization; and

WHEREAS, Judy Lowe and her family settled in the historic Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, and she became involved with the Del Ray Citizens Association; she was active in local Democratic Party activities, and she worked tirelessly to keep her neighborhood a vibrant and appealing place to live and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Washington Redskins fan, Judy Lowe attended her first game in 1939; she was at another home game on December 7, 1941, and remembered hearing high-ranking military officers being paged over the stadium's public address system to return to duty after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Judy Lowe was extremely proud of being an 11th-generation Virginian; she was a member of the Fauquier Historical Society and the Germanna Foundation, and she instilled in her children an interest in genealogy; and

WHEREAS, Judy Lowe will be greatly mourned by Lawrence, her husband of 44 years; her children, Melanie, Stephanie, and Chip, and their families; and by numerous other family members, neighbors, 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 proud Virginian and a tireless neighborhood advocate, Judith Lee Utterback Lowe; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Judith Lee Utterback Lowe as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory and appreciation for her commitment to her community and to the Commonwealth.

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