

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 629

Celebrating the life of Margaret W. Fisher.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 11, 2013

Agreed to by the Senate, January 17, 2013

WHEREAS, Margaret W. Fisher, a longtime Arlington resident whose passionate advocacy of the arts and enthusiastic engagement in civic and social affairs inspired those around her, died on June 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Margaret "Peggy" Fisher met her future husband, Joe Fisher, on a blind date in her hometown; the young couple relocated to Portland, Oregon, where she completed a bachelor's degree at Reed College, and eventually settled in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, a woman of considerable energy and drive, Peggy Fisher immersed herself in family life, raising seven children while taking an active role in community endeavors; she later earned degrees from The George Washington University and Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s and 1970s, Peggy Fisher became an indefatigable supporter of local, state, and national Democratic Party efforts, helping shape the face of the Democratic Party establishment in Arlington County along with her husband as the county experienced a rapid expansion of its population and integrated its institutions; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Fisher supported her husband, the late United States Congressman Joseph L. Fisher, as he served on Capitol Hill and later, as Virginia's Secretary of Human Resources, and continued her interest in political affairs throughout her life as she supported various campaigns and shared her insights; and

WHEREAS, a model citizen, Peggy Fisher devoted countless hours over the years to the betterment of the Arlington community of which she was a part, laboring with her husband and other community members to found the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington and coauthoring *Living Religion* with him; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist and gifted poet, Peggy Fisher derived great joy from the creative process and exhibited her own work in a wide array of venues in Arlington and Northern Virginia where others admired her skillful renderings; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Fisher shared her passion with students at Northern Virginia Community College, senior centers, and other local organizations and supported such arts organizations as the Arlington Symphony, Signature Theatre, and the Arlington Metropolitan Chorus; and

WHEREAS, the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, named in Peggy Fisher and her husband's honor, at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College continues to showcase the works of local artists; and

WHEREAS, remaining active until her passing, Peggy Fisher touched the lives of countless individuals over the course of her long and remarkably well-lived life devoted to the service of others; she leaves behind many beloved family members and dear friends to cherish her memory; 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 vibrant woman and exemplary Virginian, Margaret W. Fisher; 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 Margaret W. Fisher as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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