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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 862

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*Celebrating the life of Robyn Dobson Yovanovich.*

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WHEREAS, Robyn Dobson Yovanovich, an Upperville resident, color commentator for the Virginia Gold Cup, and the chair of the Fine Arts Department of the Foxcroft School, died on July 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Commonwealth, Robyn Yovanovich was born in 1953 and graduated from Fauquier High School; and

WHEREAS, Robyn Yovanovich pursued an interest in theater and starred in productions at the Catholic University of America, which she attended on a Helen Hayes drama scholarship; and

WHEREAS, following her passion, Robyn Yovanovich danced on Broadway and toured Europe as a member of the United Service Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Robyn Yovanovich worked as a choreographer, director, and drama teacher before becoming the chair of the Fine Arts Department at the Foxcroft School in Middleburg; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of the Foxcroft School, Robyn Yovanovich and her daughter produced and performed in a show at the school that raised over \$6,000 in donations for the Fine Arts Department; and

WHEREAS, known for her enthusiastic coverage of the Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase horse race, Robyn Yovanovich interviewed winning owners, trainers, and riders during live coverage of the event; and

WHEREAS, Robyn Yovanovich also served as a steward stand marshal at the Virginia Gold Cup and International Gold Cup races; and

WHEREAS, Robyn Yovanovich is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband, Don; daughter, Anna Clancey; and many other 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 Robyn Dobson Yovanovich, a beloved commentator for the Virginia Gold Cup, devoted educator, and steadfast supporter of the arts; 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 Robyn Dobson Yovanovich as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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