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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 186

Offered January 20, 2014

Celebrating the life of Lois L. Walker.

Patrons—Krupicka, Brink, Bulova, Filler-Corn, Herring, Hope, Kory, LeMunyon, Lopez, Morrissey, Plum, Sickles, Simon, Surovell, Torian and Watts; Senators: Barker, Ebbin and Saslaw

WHEREAS, Lois L. Walker, a longtime resident of Alexandria who made many contributions to the city through her public and community service, died on October 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ogden, Utah, Lois Walker was raised in the Dominion Hills neighborhood of Arlington and graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker attended Valparaiso University and George Washington University before settling in Alexandria with her husband, John; and

WHEREAS, a local realtor and active member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lois Walker became president of the family real estate business when her husband passed away in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker took an active role in community affairs, serving as founding president of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and as chair of the Alexandria United Way campaign; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker also cofounded the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology and the Potomac West Business Alliance; and

WHEREAS, desirous to further serve her fellow residents, Lois Walker served two terms on the Alexandria City Council, where she tirelessly advocated for a multi-modal transportation system for the city; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker ably represented Alexandria on such regional transportation bodies as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker also served on the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board, as board president of Virginians for High Speed Rail, and on the board of directors for the Virginia Railway Express; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker worked to better the lives of her fellow Alexandria residents on the Healthy Families Alexandria program; she also worked to pass a living wage bill; and

WHEREAS, Lois Walker was honored for her community work with the Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award from the Alexandria Commission on Women and when she was named a 2010 Living Legend of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a keen intelligence and gracious manner, Lois Walker worked to enhance the efficient and effective operation of local government for her fellow Alexandrians; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, John, Lois Walker will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Boyd and Donna, and their families, and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; 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 an admired public servant and dedicated community leader, Lois L. Walker; 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 Lois L. Walker as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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