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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

Offered February 21, 2014

Celebrating the life of Jean Marshall Crawford.

Patrons—Brink, Hope, Krupicka, and Lopez; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Jean Marshall Crawford of Arlington County, a dedicated volunteer and passionate advocate for women's rights, died on February 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jean Crawford earned a bachelor's degree from Transylvania University in Kentucky, then moved to Virginia Beach; she lived in Barboursville and Reston before settling in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, a prominent member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Jean Crawford served as the organization's reproductive rights director and was an ardent and active supporter of women's rights; she sat on the NOW National Board from 1983 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, Jean Crawford led efforts to encourage the Virginia General Assembly to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment; she was deeply admired for her devotion to the movement and inspired others through her actions; and

WHEREAS, Jean Crawford enjoyed a successful career with an Alexandria law firm before becoming the Deputy Commissioner of Revenue for Arlington County; she served the community in this capacity for 20 years and subsequently became the legislative counsel for the county manager; and

WHEREAS, representing Ashlawn Precinct on the Arlington County Democratic Committee, Jean Crawford was a fixture at committee meetings, cheerfully greeting people at the check-in table for many years and becoming the face of the committee; and

WHEREAS, respected for her deep knowledge of local, state, and national politics, Jean Crawford inspired greatness in others and motivated them to support the causes about which they were passionate; and

WHEREAS, Jean Crawford cared deeply for animals and served as the president of the board of directors for the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, where she had worked diligently as a volunteer for many years; and

WHÉREAS, Jean Crawford will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by many family members, friends, and people whose lives she touched; 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 Jean Marshall Crawford, a dedicated volunteer in the Arlington community and an admired advocate for women's rights; 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 Jean Marshall Crawford as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.