

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 355

Celebrating the life of Jean Sherman Mostrom.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, March 5, 2014

WHEREAS, Jean Sherman Mostrom, a beloved family woman and vibrant member of the Arlington community, died on October 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Guildford, Western Australia, Jean Mostrom excelled in academia and athletics; she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Western Australia and received the prestigious Commonwealth Lifesaving Awards; and

WHEREAS, by the age of 24, Jean Mostrom had earned a diploma in community-based fitness programs from the University of Sydney, and was serving as the Director of National Fitness for the Commonwealth of Australia; and

WHEREAS, when Australia was vulnerable to invasion during World War II, Jean Mostrom joined the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service in 1942; and

WHEREAS, during her years of service, Jean Mostrom worked as the Executive Officer for Sydney and New South Wales, on the British Admiral's staff, and as the confidential books officer, where she delivered critical cyphers and codes to battle-bound ships; and

WHEREAS, upon marrying United States Naval Officer Lloyd Mostrom in 1945, Jean Mostrom moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where she became the first female faculty member at the College of Charleston, teaching in the health and physical education department; and

WHEREAS, holding her education in the highest regard, Jean Mostrom returned to school, completing her master's degree at New York University and coursework toward her doctorate at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, relocating to Arlington in 1951, Jean Mostrom immersed herself in community service, becoming a member of the Parent Teacher Association, Dominion Hills Civic Association, Arlington County Civic Federation, Girl Scouts of America, American Red Cross, American Association of University Women, Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, and Service League (now Junior League) of Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a Professional Registered Parliamentarian and an active member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, Jean Mostrom proudly donated her time as the parliamentarian for the Arlington County Civic Federation; she also served as the president from 1992 to 1994, and received the organization's top two honors, the Journal Cup (now the Sun Gazette Cup) and the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years, Lloyd, Jean Mostrom will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Elizabeth, James, Anne, Susan, Alison, and Ingrid, and their families, 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 a true civic activist and respected member of the Arlington community, Jean Sherman Mostrom; 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 Sherman Mostrom as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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