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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 396

Offered February 27, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Bess K. Meersman.*

Patrons—Sickles and LeMunyon; Senator: Barker

WHEREAS, Bess K. Meersman, a successful businesswoman, passionate volunteer, and beloved member of the Alexandria community, died on December 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, born in East Moline, Illinois, Bess Meersman attended United Township High School and lived most of her adult life in Moline, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an entrepreneurial spirit, Bess Meersman was the owner and operator of the Bread Box Bakery and Strawberry Fields Catering in Moline; she later cofounded Campaign Management Services, a campaign consulting firm in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Bess Meersman served as the chairwoman of the Rock Island County Republican Party from 1992 to 2000 and as a member of the Illinois Republican State Central Committee; she proudly served as a delegate to the 1992 Republican National Convention; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Bess Meersman moved to the Commonwealth and settled in Alexandria, where she continued to be a faithful volunteer for political campaigns in Fairfax County; she was also a member of the Monticello Council of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding principles, Bess Meersman strived to support her beliefs, and she always exhibited care for and dedication to her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bess Meersman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Moss; daughter, Marti; and numerous 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 Bess K. Meersman, a businesswoman, volunteer, and beloved member of the Alexandria community; 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 Bess K. Meersman as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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