

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 396

Celebrating the life of Bess K. Meersman.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

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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