

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 476

Celebrating the life of Hope Cosby Davies.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014

Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Hope Cosby Davies of Fairfax, a devoted mother and wife, who was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Arlington, was an artist and was also active in many areas of the community, died on March 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Hope Cosby "Dixie" Davies lived her entire life in the greater Washington area, giving generously of her time and talents—even as a child; at age 4, she was one of several children who planted the "Mother's Tree" at the Arlington County Courthouse Plaza, which still stands today; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Davies graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington and attended Mary Washington College, now known as the University of Mary Washington, where she studied art; and

WHEREAS, as a young adult, Dixie Davies worked for American Security Bank in Washington, D.C., and later at the National Gallery of Art; during World War II, she was a volunteer with the Washington USO Stage Door Canteen, dancing with servicemen; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Dixie Cosby married J. Bankhead T. T. Davies, and the couple started a family; some years later, she returned to her love of art and began painting with a group of women known as the Artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Davies was a past president of the Arlington County Lawyers' Wives club and the Arlington Kiwanis KiWives organization; she was a woman of faith and worshipped at St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington and at Cople Parish in Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Davies had an office building built and named for her, the Dixie Building, which stood from 1960 to 1997 near the old Arlington County Courthouse; over the years it was the home of many Arlington attorneys' law offices; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Davies enjoyed traveling with her husband; on weekends, the couple also enjoyed the beauty of the Northern Neck at their cottage on the Potomac River; during the week, she helped at the law firm owned by her husband and son; and

WHEREAS, Dixie Davies will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by Bankhead, her husband of 65 years; her children, Hope, Vera, and Bankhead, and their families; 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 Hope Cosby Davies of Fairfax, a devoted mother and wife, a native of Washington, D.C., who was raised in Arlington, was an artist, and was also active in many areas of the 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 Hope Cosby Davies as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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