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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 49**

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*Celebrating the life of Janet Nutt Lembke.*

Patron—Bell, Richard P.

WHEREAS, Janet Nutt Lembke, a prolific author, dedicated gardener, and beloved longtime resident of the City of Staunton, died on September 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Janet Lembke moved to Staunton with her family during World War II; she graduated from Middlebury College, where she studied Latin and Greek; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar, Janet Lembke wrote 20 books on various subjects and was in the process of writing another; she offered her talents to the community as a memoir and creative writing teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Janet Lembke returned to the City of Staunton and met her husband, Adrian, while moderating a creative writing workshop at Staunton Correctional Center; she went on to become an advocate for the restoration of voting rights to prisoners who had served out their sentences; and

WHEREAS, in her later life, Janet Lembke became an avid gardener; she studied organic gardening, raised hens, and was certified as a master gardener; she often shared her enthusiasm and knowledge with friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, combining the many passions of her life, Janet Lembke received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to translate Virgil's *Georgics*, an ancient poem on farming; and

WHEREAS, Janet Lembke displayed diligence and focus in her pursuits, always working to make a difference in the community; she was an inspiration to those around her; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Adrian, and her daughter, Hannah, Janet Lembke will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her children, Peter, Charley, and Lisa, 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 Janet Nutt Lembke, a scholar, activist, and dear friend in the City of Staunton; 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 Janet Nutt Lembke as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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