

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Celebrating the life of Norvell G. Rice.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Norvell G. Rice, a vibrant woman whose grace, wit, and common sense positively influenced those with whom she came in contact during a long career in public service, died on July 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Norvell "Polly" Rice began her career as the first staffer hired by the builders of the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, now known as I-95, and went on to work for the general manager after the road was completed; and

WHEREAS, known for her attention to detail and administrative skill, Polly Rice provided outstanding service as executive secretary to four directors of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Polly Rice brought years of experience in the educational arena to what is now known as the University of Mary Washington when she became secretary to the president of the institution; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the community, Polly Rice was a member of the Colonial Dames, the Rappahannock Valley Garden Club, St. George's Episcopal Church Altar Guild, the Woman's Club, and the St. Margaret's School alumnae association; and

WHEREAS, Polly Rice was also a member of what is now known as Preservation Virginia and several cultural and preservation organizations; and

WHEREAS, in all of her endeavors, Polly Rice demonstrated a deep sense of fairness, love, and good humor that lifted the spirits of those around her; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Theron, Polly Rice will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughter, Ann, and her family, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a respected citizen of the Commonwealth, Norvell G. Rice; 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 Norvell G. Rice as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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