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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 162

Offered February 25, 2014

*Celebrating the life of Virginia Sargeant Reynolds.*

Patrons—Marsh and Ebbin

WHEREAS, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds, a native of Louisa County, and widow of Richard Samuel Reynolds, Jr., the late chairman of Reynolds Metals Company, and mother of the late J. Sargeant Reynolds, former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, passed away at 99 years old on January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds, whose ancestral home in Louisa County currently is the site of the Louisa County Historical Society, devoted her life to supporting the aspirations of her family and enriching the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth through her generosity and participation in many civic and cultural endeavors; and

WHEREAS, while residents of New York City during the 1930s, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds and her husband purchased Hawkwood, an antebellum Italianate house in historic Green Springs in Louisa County, and after returning to Richmond in 1938, the couple restored the property, which had been vacant for 40 years, to ensure its preservation for future generations of Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds, a faithful and longtime member of Second Presbyterian Church, demonstrated her lifelong commitment to and interest in civic, educational, artistic, and cultural affairs by becoming a charter member of the Council of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and a founding member of Friends of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; she was a former member of the board of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, currently Preservation Virginia, presided as chairwoman of the Women's division for War Bond sales for the City of Richmond from 1942 to 1945, and served as a member of the board of the Virginia Home, where she was instrumental in procuring the first bus for the residents' use as a gift from the Ford Motor Company in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds gave generously of her time, talent, and resources as a devoted member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Richmond Committee of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation, the Country Club of Virginia, the Woman's Club, the Colony Club of New York City, the Birnam Wood Country Club of Santa Barbara, California, the Farmington Country Club of Charlottesville, and as a former member of the Junior League of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Sargeant Reynolds lived a rich, long, and productive life loving and caring for her family, friends, and colleagues, who will cherish her memory forever; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Virginia Sargeant Reynolds; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Virginia Sargeant Reynolds as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory and contributions to the Commonwealth.

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