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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5116

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Celebrating the life of Mary Anne Reiley.

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WHEREAS, Mary Anne Reiley, a successful entrepreneur who enhanced the Commonwealth by sharing her wisdom and expertise with members of local and state governments, political activists, and community and philanthropic leaders, died on June 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Mary "Mame" Reiley was raised in Fairfax County; she graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Alexandria and earned a bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart College in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mame Reiley developed a keen interest in government at a young age, and she was active as a volunteer for various causes throughout high school and college; and

WHEREAS, Mame Reiley worked as an event planner at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C., in the 1980s; a respected businesswoman, she later founded The Reiley Group, a consulting, fundraising, and special events agency; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for inspiring and motivating others, Mame Reiley spearheaded several election campaigns, including those of a Virginia congressman, a candidate for Virginia governor, and a presidential primary bid in New Hampshire, and an inaugural for a Governor; she was a friend to governors of both parties; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority from 2002 to 2012, Mame Reiley served as chair of the authority from 2005 to 2007 and was a crucial supporter of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project; and

WHEREAS, Mame Reiley also served the Commonwealth on the Democratic National Committee for more than 20 years; she was the chair of the Women's Caucus and a member of the Executive Committee and the Rules and Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mame Reiley will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Mary Anne Reiley, a respected business leader in 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 Mary Anne Reiley as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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