

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 343

Celebrating the life of Christine Richmond Cottey.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 2, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 2018

WHEREAS, Christine Richmond Cottey, a devoted wife and mother and a respected veterinarian with a passion for animal care, died on December 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Harrisonburg in 1970, Christine Cottey developed a love of animals at a young age and later attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree and a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, a talented veterinarian, Christine Cottey worked at animal hospitals across the Commonwealth and was most recently the veterinary director at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington; as the League's first shelter veterinarian and surgery specialist, she helped it achieve new standards of excellence in animal medical care; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Christine Cottey won the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Animal Services Committee's Veterinarian Award in recognition of her commitment to animal welfare; and

WHEREAS, outside of her 21-year career in veterinary medicine, Christine Cottey was an excellent cook who enjoyed swimming and spending time with her family; an avid runner, she competed in several endurance races, including the Marine Corps Marathon; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Christine Cottey enjoyed fellowship and worship at Alexandria Presbyterian Church, where she was active in several ministries; and

WHEREAS, Christine Cottey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Tal; son, Peyton; father, Art Richmond; mother and stepfather, Diane and Jim Dennison; and countless other family members, friends, and residents of Arlington County; 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 Christine Richmond Cottey, a skilled veterinarian who devoted her career to helping animals; 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 Christine Richmond Cottey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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