

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 568

Celebrating the life of Dorothy Ann McClelland.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018
Agreed to by the Senate, March 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Dorothy Ann McClelland, a beloved mother, talented cook, and respected resident of the historic Tauxemont neighborhood of Alexandria, died on January 11, 2018, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, born in New Haven, Connecticut, Dorothy "Dotty Ann" McClelland attended Pembroke College in Brown University, graduating in 1941 with a degree in English; during her college years, she met her future husband, Bill McClelland; and

WHEREAS, Dotty Ann McClelland married during World War II and then moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she honed her skills as an expert baker and chef; she later took a job with General Foods answering cooking questions and other mail queries for a Betty Crocker-themed radio show; and

WHEREAS, Dotty Ann McClelland moved to Alexandria in the 1950s and eventually settled in the Tauxemont neighborhood, where she and her husband raised two children; she became an active member of the community and helped initiate an annual Christmas Eve caroling and cookie party that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Dotty Ann McClelland was an active member of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, where she volunteered in a variety of roles, including as a member of the kitchen crew; she became known throughout the community for her delicious desserts and provided cakes for numerous weddings; and

WHEREAS, Dotty Ann McClelland later put her volunteering efforts on hold and embarked on a 20-year career as a librarian at Fort Hunt High School and West Potomac High School; after retiring, she resumed her community service work with Mount Vernon Unitarian Church and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, a woman of indomitable spirit, Dotty Ann McClelland remained in her own home and continued volunteering well into old age, including serving as a church receptionist; and

WHEREAS, Dotty Ann McClelland will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Katherine and Richard, as well as numerous other family members, friends, and members of the Tauxemont community; 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 Dorothy Ann McClelland, an active Alexandria resident who gave generously of her time in service to the 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 Dorothy Ann McClelland as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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