

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Celebrating the life of Diane Drury Hyatt.

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

WHEREAS, Diane Drury Hyatt, a beloved wife and mother and a respected public servant who served the residents of Roanoke County as a financial and administrative leader, died on March 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in California, Diane Hyatt moved to Roanoke as a teenager and attended Andrew Lewis High School before earning a bachelor's degree from Roanoke College; after becoming a certified public accountant in 1977, she worked at a Roanoke accounting firm; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hyatt began her 30-year public service career in 1982, when she started working as the assistant superintendent of fiscal management for Roanoke County; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hyatt's poise, collaborative leadership style, and financial expertise saw her move steadily through the ranks of Roanoke County government; she became director of finance in 1986 and was named chief finance officer in 2001; from 2009 until her retirement in 2012, she served as Roanoke County's assistant county administrator; and

WHEREAS, as a local leader, Diane Hyatt oversaw numerous construction and development projects in Roanoke County; she was involved with the creation of the Spring Hollow Reservoir, the Green Ridge Recreation Center, and the North County Fire and Rescue Station, and she also served as project manager and assisted in the design process for the South County Library; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hyatt brought her far-reaching experience to regional boards and commissions, such as the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority, the Western Virginia Water Authority, and the South Peak Community Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, colleagues remember Diane Hyatt as a quiet leader whose self-assured, easygoing demeanor made her a joy to work with; and

WHEREAS, outside of work, Diane Hyatt was at her happiest when reading a good book, traveling the world with her family, or attending First United Methodist Church in Salem; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hyatt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 43 years, James, who affectionately called her "Ace"; sons, Michael and James, and their families; and countless other family members, close friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Diane Drury Hyatt, a distinguished public servant who made an indelible mark on the Roanoke County 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 Diane Drury Hyatt as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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