

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Celebrating the life of Virginia Howard Farrar.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018

WHEREAS, Virginia Howard Farrar, a beloved wife and a respected business owner, civic leader, and conservationist who gave generously of her time in service to the Warrenton community, died on December 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., Virginia "Gina" Howard Farrar graduated from the Warrenton Branch of the Calvert School and St. Catherine's School in Richmond and then attended Garland Junior College in Boston before studying interior design in Washington, D.C., and at the University of Florence in Italy; and

WHEREAS, Gina Farrar began her career as an interior designer in New Orleans before returning to Warrenton and operating the women's clothing store, The Main Thing, with Josine Hitchcock between 1972 and 1982; in 1986, she opened Farrar's, a men's clothing store in Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, as a business leader, Gina Farrar was a longtime cheerleader for Old Town Warrenton; in 1988, she co-founded the Partnership for Warrenton, which sought to revitalize the town's commercial district; and

WHEREAS, Gina Farrar was a founding member of the Warrenton Planning Commission and the Piedmont Environmental Council, and worked tirelessly during her lifetime to promote conservation awareness, the preservation of open spaces, and other community projects; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Gina Farrar partnered with the Warrenton Garden Club and the Piedmont Environmental Council to create a nature camp for children at her farm in Orlean; each year, some two dozen children attended the two-week camp to learn about the importance of conservation and the natural world; and

WHEREAS, Gina Farrar received numerous awards and honors for her community service and conservation efforts, including the Garden Club of Virginia's 2012 de Lacy Gray Conservation Medal, the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District's 2010 - 2011 Edwin F. Gulick Conservation Educator Award, and the Garden Club of America's 1999 Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award; and

WHEREAS, Gina Farrar will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her husband of 39 years, James, as well as countless other family members, friends, and Warrenton residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Virginia Howard Farrar, a dedicated conservation educator and supporter of the Warrenton 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 Virginia Howard Farrar as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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