

# 2019 SESSION

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1011

*Celebrating the life of Carolyn W. Johnson.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Carolyn W. Johnson, an accomplished writer and a dedicated civil servant who enhanced community life as a longtime member of the Arlington County Planning Commission, died on May 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Carolyn "Carrie" W. Johnson attended the University School of Milwaukee and graduated *magna cum laude* from Smith College; and

WHEREAS, after completing her education, Carrie Johnson worked as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill for eight years and proudly helped advance the bill that created the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Park; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1972, Carrie Johnson served on the editorial board of *The Washington Post* for five years, then worked as a speechwriter; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Johnson relocated to Arlington County in 1979 and served on the Arlington County Planning Commission from 1986 to 2005, one of the longest tenures on record; she oversaw the creation of Long Bridge Park, as well as neighborhood conservation efforts for Ft. Myer Heights, Virginia Square, Four Mile Run Valley, and Ashton Heights; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Johnson handled database management for the Arlington County Democratic Committee, becoming known as "the list lady" for her tireless work compiling, sorting, and maintaining voter lists, which were invaluable to the committee's outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Carrie Johnson continued to write freelance articles and papers, and in 2005, she temporarily relocated to Butte, Montana, to research and complete a series of articles and an outline for a book about the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Johnson inspired others through her quick wit, quiet confidence, and civility, and her commitment to strengthening the Arlington County community was unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Johnson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed 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 Carolyn W. Johnson, a highly admired writer and civic servant in Arlington County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the family of Carolyn W. Johnson and the Arlington County Democratic Committee as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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