

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 817

Commending Marie Ridder.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, over the course of her exceptional career, Marie Ridder has made contributions to communities throughout the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world as a journalist, civic servant, and preservationist; and

WHEREAS, Marie Ridder is a long-time McLean resident who earned a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College and a master's degree from The George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, Marie Ridder worked extensively in journalism as an editor for Conde Nast, where she served as the Washington, D.C., editor for *Vogue*, *Mademoiselle*, and *Glamour* magazines; she was a Washington correspondent for Ridder, and later, Knight Ridder newspapers, and wrote for a variety of publications including *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*; and

WHEREAS, the plight of post-World War II Finland was a notable, one-of-a-kind project Marie Ridder reported on as a 21-year-old cub journalist; she also worked on national issues as deputy to the national director of Project Head Start and liaison to Lady Bird Johnson from 1964 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, in her retirement, Marie Ridder has devoted her time to environmental causes in the Commonwealth and beyond, serving on numerous boards including the Piedmont Environmental Council, the Trust for Public Land, the Initiative for Social Action and Renewal in Eurasia, the League of Conservation Voters, and Sasha Bruce House youth shelter; and

WHEREAS, Marie Ridder has made an impact on national and state-wide environmental organizations as vice chair of the Landmarks Commission for the United States Department of the Interior, and as former chair of the Virginia State Parks Commission and the Virginia Council on the Environment; she made the environment a priority, serving on advisory boards of the National Park Service and American Farm Land Trust, as a trustee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and as an executive committee member of the National Parks Conservation Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Marie Ridder for her many contributions to the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world as a journalist, civic servant, and preservationist; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Marie Ridder as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her many accomplishments in her professional and volunteer duties.

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