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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 338

Offered February 26, 2020

Celebrating the life of Maud Ferris Robinson.

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, Maud Ferris Robinson, a celebrated civic leader and beloved member of the Vienna community, died on March 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Connecticut, where her family could trace its roots back to the 17th century, Maud Robinson graduated from Smith College in 1944; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating, Maud Robinson was recruited into the United States Naval Reserve as a member of the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) unit, serving the country's intelligence and communications needs as a code analyst through the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Maud Robinson lived briefly in Charlottesville, attending the University of Virginia School of Law, before relocating to Vienna in 1951, where she would become an instrumental figure in the town's development over more than a half-century; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the town's Board of Architectural Review who served on the Town/Business Liaison Committee and the Church Street Vision Committee, Maud Robinson helped Vienna grow and prosper while preserving its small-town, residential character; and

WHEREAS, while her husband, Charles, served as mayor of the Town of Vienna from 1976 to 2000, Maud Robinson was a civic leader in her own right whose involvement was critical to the success of many public endeavors, including the establishment of a library and a community center in town; and

WHEREAS, following her husband's death in 2000, Maud Robinson was asked to fill the seat on the Vienna Town Council vacated by his replacement, M. Jane Seeman, a position she would continue to hold through 2009; and

WHEREAS, on the Vienna Town Council, one of Maud Robinson's crowning achievements was the preservation of Northside Park, which was protected through a special undeveloped parkland zoning designation that she both proposed and championed; and

WHEREAS, Maud Robinson's impact on Vienna over the years was felt through her active involvement in many local civic and community organizations, including the Vienna Lions Club, the American Legion, the Vienna Woman's Club, the Ayr Hill Garden Club, and Historic Vienna, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Charles, Maud Robinson will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by numerous family members and friends and the entire Vienna 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 Maud Ferris Robinson, whose contributions to the Town of Vienna made it the wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family that it is today; 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 Maud Ferris Robinson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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