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*Celebrating the life of Annette G. Kramer.*

Patrons—Reeves and Peake; Delegates: Cole, M.L., LaRock, Morefield and Ware

WHEREAS, Annette G. Kramer of Stafford County, a beloved member of the community and a loyal advocate for veterans and their families, died on June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 35 years, Annette Kramer proudly supported her husband and daughter during their service in the United States Marine Corps; a model of selflessness, integrity, and grace, she was a trusted mentor to fellow military wives and provided counseling and support to friends in need; and

WHEREAS, Annette Kramer volunteered countless hours at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where she supported combat-wounded soldiers during the recovery process and comforted the families of service members who had been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Annette Kramer worked as a docent at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and offered her leadership to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the Honor Flight Network, and the local ASPCA; and

WHEREAS, after the attacks on September 11, 2001, Annette Kramer joined the search-and-recovery task force at the Pentagon; as a member of the night shift, she arrived after her day job and worked long hours to help organize and distribute supplies to task force personnel; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Annette Kramer held several fundraisers to address equipment shortfalls for troops overseas, resulting in the purchase of hundreds of hydration systems for Marines deployed to Iraq; she subsequently organized similar drives to support other service members, significantly enhancing capabilities and raising morale; and

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, Annette Kramer honored the nation's veterans by participating in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, which ultimately became her final resting place; and

WHEREAS, Annette Kramer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 35 years, Glenn; her daughter, Nichole; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Annette G. Kramer, a beloved and highly admired member of the Stafford County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Annette G. Kramer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.