SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Celebrating the life of Annette G. Kramer.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2020 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020

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.