

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 543

Celebrating the life of Jacqueline Kidd King.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Kidd King, an accomplished businesswoman and the longtime vice mayor of Wytheville, died on April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Rural Retreat High School who attended Radford University, Jacqueline "Jackie" King relocated to Wytheville with her husband, Bill, after his period of service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, as owners and operators of Bill King's Furniture, Inc., in Wytheville for more than 30 years, Jackie King and her husband provided their community with exceptional home furnishings and customer service; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce and the first woman to serve as the organization's president, Jackie King was an esteemed advocate for economic development in the region; and

WHEREAS, for 28 years, Jackie King was an invaluable guiding force as a member of the Wytheville Town Council; in 1994, she also became the first woman to be elected vice mayor of Wytheville, spearheading various initiatives over her 26-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, a fixture on several of the Wytheville Town Council's committees and commissions, Jackie King played an instrumental role in the creation of the Wytheville Community Center, which has since become an important gathering place in town; and

WHEREAS, Jackie King was actively engaged in her community through her involvement with the Links Women's Club and the Junior Woman's Club, both of which she served as president, and as a drive chairwoman for the American Cancer Society and a volunteer at the Wythe County Community Hospital Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her years of service, Jackie King's name was added to the Civic Monument at the Wytheville Wall of Honor in Withers Park in 2017; a year later, she was the recipient of the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her deep and abiding faith, Jackie King enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for more than a half-century; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her daughter, Karen, Jackie King will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by her loving husband of 62 years, Bill; her children, Jeffrey and Michael, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jacqueline Kidd King, the first female vice mayor of Wytheville, who touched countless lives with her kindness and generosity; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Jacqueline Kidd King as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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