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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 291

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*Celebrating the life of Jean Smith Brown.*

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WHEREAS, Jean Smith Brown, noted preservation advocate, civic leader, and beloved member of the Lincoln community, died on January 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jean Brown enjoyed a distinguished career on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., working as a secretary for several congressmen and committees; and

WHEREAS, aiming to preserve the rural character of Loudoun County as it rapidly grew, Jean Brown helped to establish the Goose Creek Historic and Cultural Conservation District, placing 11,000 acres on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of a bed and breakfast with ambitions to support and advocate on behalf of small businesses in her area, Jean Brown aided in the founding of the Bed & Breakfast Guild of Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Leesburg Garden Club, as well as through multiple terms on the Garden Club of Virginia's Conservation Committee, Jean Brown contributed greatly to the beauty and grandeur of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a farmer with a deep appreciation for the agrarian traditions of the Commonwealth, Jean Brown served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Agricultural Council; and

WHEREAS, Jean Brown was heavily involved with the League of Women Voters, working tirelessly to register young voters; she was known by colleagues to carry voter registration forms with her at all times, ever ready to enroll a prospective voter; and

WHEREAS, ardently committed to protecting the environment, Jean Brown served on the board of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters and was once named Preservationist of the Year by the Loudoun Preservation Society; and

WHEREAS, guided by her steadfast and abiding faith, Jean Brown enjoyed singing in church choirs throughout her life; she was a founding member of the Choral Arts Society of Washington and most recently sang in the choir at St. James' Episcopal Church in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband, William, Jean Brown will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her daughter, Sara, and her family, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Jean Smith Brown, a treasured community leader in Loudoun County whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; 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 Jean Smith Brown as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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