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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 642

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Celebrating the life of Ann Bisson.

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Ann Bisson, a longtime member of the Arlington community and a former deputy commissioner of the revenue from 2004 to 2016 who diligently served local residents and businesses by helping to foster a customer-focused culture at the department, died on January 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Ann Bisson relocated to Arlington County in 1992; she subsequently earned an associate's degree from Northern Virginia Community College and a bachelor's degree from George Mason University and was inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Society and the Beta Alpha Honor Organization; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her 30-year professional career prior to joining the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue's office, Ann Bisson gained a wealth of expertise in health care, business sales, marketing, insurance, and estate planning and was awarded the Chartered Life Underwriter professional designation; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ann Bisson was appointed deputy commissioner for the business tax division by Ingrid Morroy, Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue, and she served the community in that role until retiring in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Commissioner of the Revenue's office, Ann Bisson facilitated the Commissioner's proactive approach to serving Arlington County's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bisson assisted the Commissioner's initiative to leverage technology that enhanced the speed, accuracy, and delivery of programs and services to the public and establish a convenient online system for business tax and license filings; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bisson received the 2015 Friend of Small Business award from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for her resolute commitment to resolving issues that created delays for the approval of business operating licenses and permits; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bisson, a Leadership Center for Excellence graduate, served the community as an active volunteer, who offered her insights and expertise to the Organized Women Voters of Arlington, the Arlington County Civic Federation, and the Arlington Committee of 100; and

WHEREAS, Ann Bisson will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members and many friends; 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 Ann Bisson, a hardworking public servant and civic volunteer in Arlington County; 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 Ann Bisson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory and admiration for her contributions to the community.

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