

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 565

Celebrating the life of Anne Cunningham Woodfin.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 25, 2021

WHEREAS, Anne Cunningham Woodfin, an esteemed business leader and educator and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on February 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hermitage High School in Henrico County, Anne Woodfin earned bachelor's degrees in mathematics and psychology from the Westhampton College of the University of Richmond in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Anne Woodfin cultivated the intellectual development of countless young people as a high school mathematics teacher, first at the Wildflecken Army Base outside of Wurzburg, Germany, where her husband, John, was stationed, and later in Henrico and Roanoke Counties and Staunton; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Anne and John Woodfin founded Woodfin Oil, and as chairwoman of the board, she helped grow the small home heating oil company into Woodfin Heating, Inc., one of the Commonwealth's largest privately held companies for plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, energy, and other assorted services; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of the community, Anne Woodfin served on various boards, including the Riverside School Board of Associates, The Steward School Board of Trustees, Mary Baldwin College Parent Council, and the Westhampton College Alumnae Association board; and

WHEREAS, appointed to the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors in 1994 by Governor George Allen, Anne Woodfin notably cast the deciding vote when the board decided to admit women to the school two years later; and

WHEREAS, Anne Woodfin was a member of many organizations dedicated to fostering cultural endeavors in the Commonwealth, including the Virginia Museum Council, the Virginia Historical Society, the Historic Richmond Foundation, Maymont Foundation, Windsor Farms Garden Club, Westhampton Citizens Association, and the Richmond Symphony League; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Anne Woodfin enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, where she was a longtime member; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her loving husband of 49 years, John, Anne Woodfin will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by her children, Suzanne and John, Jr., and their families, and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Anne Cunningham Woodfin, an accomplished businesswoman whose unwavering kindness, generosity, and dedication to her community touched countless lives in Richmond and beyond; 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 Anne Cunningham Woodfin as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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