

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 776

Commending Cathy Lewis.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, Cathy Lewis served the Hampton Roads community as a radio journalist for 25 years as the host of HearSay with Cathy Lewis on WHRV-FM, a National Public Radio station; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Lewis established HearSay with Cathy Lewis, a public affairs radio call-in program, in 1996 and quickly developed a loyal following for her integrity and commitment to civility; and

WHEREAS, many local, state, and national leaders appeared on HearSay with Cathy Lewis, including eight Virginia governors, seven United States senators, 14 members of the United States House of Representatives, and countless other elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Lewis covered numerous significant events live on her show, including the attacks on September 11, 2001, the shooting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2007, and the Virginia Beach municipal building shooting in 2019, and worked diligently to provide only the most accurate information; and

WHEREAS, during Hurricane Isabel in 2003, Cathy Lewis used her live broadcast to help local officials coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as a trusted source of information and worked to increase vaccination rates and support frontline health care workers; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2019, Cathy Lewis served as president and chief executive officer of the CIVIC Leadership Institute, which gives executives in Hampton Roads the tools to become more engaged with the community and enhance the quality of life in the region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Cathy Lewis hereby be commended for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth as a journalist and community leader on the occasion of the final episode of her radio program, HearSay with Cathy Lewis, in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cathy Lewis as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her personal and professional achievements.

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