

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 705

Offered August 3, 2021

Celebrating the life of Marie Antoinette Elbling.

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WHEREAS, Marie Antoinette Elbling, a longtime restaurateur and dedicated community leader in Richmond, died on July 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in France, Marie Elbling was an engaging conversationalist from a young age and relished every opportunity to meet new people and learn about their different perspectives and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Marie Elbling married her husband, Paul, in 1966, and they subsequently relocated to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a hostess in area restaurants and cultivated many lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Marie and Paul Elbling opened the fine dining establishment La Petite France in Richmond, with Marie running the house and Paul running the kitchen; over the next 36 years, the restaurant earned local and national accolades for its authentic French cuisine and serene, comforting atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, after their retirement in 2007, Marie and Paul Elbling continued to offer delicious meals to family and friends at their home and maintained a strong commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Marie and Paul Elbling hosted dinners and catered fundraisers to support the Richmond Symphony and created an annual dinner that raised money for the Little Sisters of the Poor for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Marie and Paul Elbling also helped establish the RVA French Food Festival, a cherished cultural event that also raised thousands of dollars to support the Little Sisters of the Poor; and

WHEREAS, Marie Elbling enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was an active leader in the parish throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Marie Elbling will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 55 years, Paul, 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 Marie Antoinette Elbling, a vibrant member of the Richmond community; and, be it

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

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