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**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 83** 

Offered March 11, 2022

Celebrating the life of Mary MacLeod Woodruff.

Patron—Vogel

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Mary MacLeod Woodruff, a beloved wife, cherished mother, and beloved teacher who dedicated more than a half-century of her life to a distinguished career in education, died on February 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in New York City, Mary Woodruff lived for some time in Florence, Italy, before receiving her bachelor's degree from Shepherd University and her master's degree in fine arts from Antioch University; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodruff then spent 57 years in a career as an educator, contributing greatly to the success of her students and fellow teachers; and

WHEREAS, for the last 27 years of her career, Mary Woodruff was the beloved art teacher and librarian at the Hill School of Middleburg; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodruff shaped the character and intellectual curiosity of multiple generations of young people who passed through the Hill School, where she emphasized a love of learning and more importantly the greater qualities of caring and kindness to others; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodruff was an iconic figure, not just at the Hill School, but also in the town of Middleburg where she served with distinction in multiple capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Woodruff will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her husband, Don; her children, Don III and Michelle, and their families; 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 Mary MacLeod Woodruff, a treasured resident of the Commonwealth whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

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