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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 699

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Celebrating the life of Amy Penny Appelbaum.

Patrons—Hope, Bennett-Parker, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Amy Penny Appelbaum, a passionate activist and dedicated community leader in Arlington, died on December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum grew up in the seaside community of Mattituck, New York, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University, where she met her future husband, Hank; and

WHEREAS, Amy and Hank Appelbaum married in New Delhi, India, in 1964, and the couple lived in New York City, Uruguay, and Washington, D.C., before settling in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum began volunteering in her children's schools in the 1970s, and she subsequently cofounded the Arlington County Association for Learning Disabled Children, which has since helped the county become a national leader in special education; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum supported the Democratic Party in Arlington for more than four decades and was honored numerous times by the Arlington County Democratic Committee for her work as an outstanding precinct captain and area chair; she campaigned for local candidates, donated to many worthy causes, and marched for social issues about which she cared deeply; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum also served the Commonwealth from 1984 to 2004 as a legislative aide to the Honorable James Almand, who represented the residents of Arlington in the Virginia House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum offered her leadership to the Arlington Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments, the Northern Virginia Mental Health Association, Meals on Wheels, and the Leeway Civic Association; in 2004, she was honored as a Person of Vision by the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, Amy Appelbaum brought joy to others through her kindness, generosity, and grace, and she touched countless lives through her dedication to servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Hank, Amy Appelbaum will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Nancy and Sam, and their families, and numerous other family members and 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 Amy Penny Appelbaum; 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 Amy Penny Appelbaum as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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