

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 775

Celebrating the life of Mary Elyn McNichols.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols, an incredible wife, mother, grandmother, friend, instructor, administrator, and leader who dedicated her life to serving others, died on Saturday, October 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chicago and the eldest of five siblings, Mary Elyn McNichols put herself through college, earning a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education at the University of Illinois, where she collected many honors, including Phi Beta Kappa and numerous scholarships and leadership positions, of which serving as president of the Independent Women's Association was a special source of pride; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols continued her education at The Ohio State University, receiving a master's degree in counseling psychology while serving as a resident advisor and later receiving a promotion to head advisor; upon graduating, she took a job as assistant dean of students at the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols then married and became a loving mother to her precious children; she effectively balanced her home life while working as an instructor of clinical and counseling psychology at Northern Virginia Community College and while founding and developing two nonprofit childcare centers for student-parents of the college; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols later took on a position as executive director of the New River Agency on Aging for five years, creating, providing, and coordinating a diverse range of services for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, at this time, Mary Elyn McNichols met Robert, her husband of 42 years, and together they founded the ventures McNichols and Associates and Coordinated Services Management, Inc., (CSM) in 1980 and 1981, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols served as management administrator of 16 elderly retirement facilities in her role as executive vice president of CSM; and

WHEREAS, as executive vice president of McNichols and Associates, Mary Elyn McNichols served as technical advisor and development consultant for 27 facilities, relishing putting together multimillion-dollar financing deals and crafting facility budgets; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols demonstrated her kind heart through her work in nonprofit care communities for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and others, as a gracious leader who saw her staff as her company's greatest resource and true heroes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and through her co-creation of the Amy Elizabeth Lauth Foundation, which allowed her to directly help those most in need and where she always ensured that all donations went directly to charity; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elyn McNichols always put her family and friends first, never missing birthdays, weddings, funerals, and reunions, and she took any opportunity to bring her family together; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her daughter, Amy, Mary Elyn McNichols will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 42 years, Robert; her children, Larry, Laura, and Wade, and their families; her siblings, Susan, Ralph, Nancy, and John; 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 Mary Elyn McNichols, a loving wife, caring mother, generous grandmother, and an incredible friend; 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 Mary Elyn McNichols as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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