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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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Commending the Women's Advisory Board of George Mason University.

Patrons—Woods, Barry, Benedetti, Bolling, Chichester, Colgan, Couric, Earley, Edwards, Gartlan, Hanger, Hawkins, Holland, Houck, Howell, Lambert, Lucas, Marsh, Martin, Marye, Maxwell, Miller, K.G., Miller, Y.B., Newman, Norment, Potts, Quayle, Reasor, Reynolds, Saslaw, Schrock, Stolle, Stosch, Ticer, Trumbo, Waddell, Walker, Wampler, Whipple and Williams; Delegate: Rust

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the late Delegate Dorothy McDiarmid was deeply concerned about education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy McDiarmid wrote the legislation that established kindergartens in the public schools, provided free tuition for the elderly in Virginia's colleges, and mandated appropriate education for the handicapped and retarded; and

WHEREAS, during her years in the General Assembly, Dorothy McDiarmid demonstrated her outstanding leadership in advancing public education throughout Virginia, supporting education initiatives that proved critical to the social and economic well-being of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy McDiarmid was a vigorous advocate on behalf of George Mason University, sponsoring the legislation that founded George Mason College and later established George Mason University as an independent institution; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy McDiarmid continued to champion the university and fought for its needs during its early history, enabling it to become the leading institution, serving 24,000 students, that it is today; and

WHEREAS, no permanent memorial has been established at George Mason University for Dorothy McDiarmid and her husband Hugh, who focused such a significant part of their lives on advancing the causes of George Mason University, education in general, and opportunity for women in politics, governments, and the work place; and

WHEREAS, women are traditionally under-represented in the fields of business, engineering, science, and technology, leaving a pool of talent untapped in these important fields; and

WHEREAS, women should receive the encouragement and support necessary to enable them to enter these fields for their individual benefit and the economic benefit of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Advisory Board of George Mason University was established in 1996 to advise and assist George Mason University primarily in the development of programs that will improve women's educational and employment opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, That the Women's Advisory Board of George Mason University be hereby commended for honoring the late Delegate Dorothy McDiarmid and her husband Hugh by establishing an endowment at George Mason University to advance women in the fields of business, engineering, science, and technology; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Women's Advisory Board of George Mason University as an expression of the Senate's appreciation for this most fitting tribute to Dorothy and Hugh McDiarmid.

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