

2002 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 243

On the death of Ann Hitch Kilgore.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2002

Agreed to by the Senate, January 31, 2002

WHEREAS, Ann Hitch Kilgore, a former two-term mayor of Hampton and the first woman elected to the Hampton City Council, died on July 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Ann Kilgore was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, an English teacher at Alexander Park High School and at Hampton High School, Ann Kilgore became active in the community after moving to Hampton in 1946; and

WHEREAS, following service as president of the Hampton Junior Women's Club from 1955 to 1957, Ann Kilgore ran for city council in 1958 and won one of the three open seats, despite being the only woman on a 12 candidate ballot; and

WHEREAS, Ann Kilgore served as mayor of Hampton from 1963 to 1971 and from 1974 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, during Ann Kilgore's tenure on the Hampton City Council, the city built the coliseum and a new city hall, donated land for Thomas Nelson Community College, built public housing, redeveloped downtown Hampton and the Buckroe Beach waterfront, built industrial parks, initiated job programs, and opened new public parks; and

WHEREAS, Ann Kilgore's proudest accomplishment and lasting legacy was the integration of Hampton's public schools, which was accomplished without litigation; and

WHEREAS, during Ann Kilgore's 22 years on the city council, Hampton became a large progressive city with improved education, tourism, industry, and interracial relations; and

WHEREAS, the modern City of Hampton owes much of its success and prosperity to the wise, principled, pioneering, often witty service and leadership of Ann Hitch Kilgore; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a talented and dedicated citizen of Hampton, Ann Hitch Kilgore; 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 Ann Hitch Kilgore as an expression of the respect in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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