

028234904

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 325

Offered February 1, 2002

On the death of Kendra Jean McCarthy.

Patrons—Reid, Amundson, Baskerville, Byron, Christian, Cox, Crittenden, Darner, Devolites, Drake, Griffith, Janis, Jones, S.C., McQuigg, O'Bannon, Orrock, Rapp, Rollison, Sears, Sherwood, Suit, Van LANDINGHAM and Watts; Senator: Stosch

WHEREAS, Kendra Jean McCarthy, who had an outstanding 16-year career with the Department of Mental Health, including service as administrative services director, died on September 5, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., Kendra McCarthy was certified as a procurement officer and master instructor by the National Institute of Government Procurement; and

WHEREAS, Kendra McCarthy was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1988 and, learning of the seriousness of underfunding on breast cancer research, joined with other Virginia women to cofound the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the foundation is a model grass-roots organization dedicated to education, advocacy, and the eradication of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, volunteering countless hours, Kendra McCarthy served as secretary, treasurer, volunteer executive director, and president of the foundation; and

WHEREAS, Kendra McCarthy served on First Lady Susan Allen's Breast Cancer Initiative for the Commonwealth of Virginia, raising awareness and increasing services in the state from 1994 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Kendra McCarthy served as a director of the National Breast Cancer Coalition board and served as its treasurer in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 Kendra McCarthy was instrumental in developing and successfully implementing the strategy for a national 2.6 million signature petition drive calling on President Clinton to enact a National Plan for Breast Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kendra McCarthy cofounded Wilderness Alternatives, Incorporated, in 1997, an organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to wilderness-based treatment for Virginia's adolescents and young adults dealing with drug addiction; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Kendra McCarthy cofounded the Women's Cancer Advocacy Network, advancing the cause of women diagnosed with breast and gynecological cancers; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great courage, dedication, compassion, and accomplishment, Kendra McCarthy leaves a legacy of service to her community and to the women of the Commonwealth and the nation for whom she fought to raise awareness and funding in the fight against cancer, and for whom she said: "We have to find a cure for breast cancer—we will not mourn silently"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with sadness the loss of a valuable Virginian, Kendra Jean McCarthy; 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 Kendra Jean McCarthy as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and gratitude for her unflinching efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

ENGROSSED

HJ325E