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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 736

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Celebrating the life of Lois Van Valkenburgh.

Patrons—Van Landingham, Almand, Brink, Darner, Moran and Plum; Senators: Saslaw, Ticer and Whipple

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh of Alexandria, an avid community supporter who was active in civic affairs and adept at politics, died December 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Lois Van Valkenburgh came to the Washington, D.C. area in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh was a member of the League of Women Voters beginning in the early 1940s and was instrumental in producing Alexandria's first voter's guide; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh managed several Virginia congressional and General Assembly election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, always engaged in politics and issues concerning the community, Lois Van Valkenburgh worked in support of education and school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh was an invaluable and longtime legislative aide to Delegate Mary Marshall of Arlington in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh served on the Virginia Mental Health and Retardation Board and was honored by the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh was an organizer and officer of the Friends of the Alexandria Community Mental Health Center and chairman and legislative liaison for the Alexandria Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, a board member of the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, Lois Van Valkenburgh was honored for her contributions to the 1998 Aging Expo, as well as for her work on the annual Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh was founder and chairman of the Alexandria Community Services Board and was honored in 1990 for 30 years of volunteer work with people who suffered from mental disabilities and substance abuse problems; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent and passionate community advocate, Lois Van Valkenburgh was honored by the American Red Cross and the Alexandria Commission on Women; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh served on the executive board of Alexandria's United Way and received the outstanding citizenship award for her generous community service; and

WHEREAS, Lois Van Valkenburgh will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by her family, her countless friends and admirers, and the residents of the Alexandria community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an outstanding Virginian, Lois Van Valkenburgh; 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 Lois Van Valkenburgh as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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