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Celebrating the life of Julia Campbell.

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WHEREAS, Julia Campbell of Fairfax, a vibrant and beloved citizen, was tragically killed in the Philippines while serving others as a compassionate and dedicated Peace Corps volunteer on April 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell was the wonderful daughter of Lt. Col. William R. Campbell, Jr., USMC Retired, and Linda Martin Campbell of Fairfax and the devoted sister of Geary Campbell Morris of Falls Church and William R. "Bill" Campbell III of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell grew up and attended high school in Virginia and earned a bachelor's degree in English from James Madison University; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell spent much of her youth on the beaches and in the green hills of Hawaii and happily celebrated her 40th birthday there in the months before she died; she also was longing to return to the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood where she lived and was a beloved member of the community before joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, a gifted writer and reporter, Julia Campbell loved journalism and began her career in her twenties as a reporter in Virginia with *The Connection* newspaper, and then went on to work in the newsrooms of *Greenwich Time* in Connecticut, *The Times Herald-Record* in New York, and *St. Petersburg Times* in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell also worked as a journalist for *The New York Times*, *FoxNews.com*, *ABCNews.com*, *CourtTV.com*, *People*, and *Star* magazine and contributed a story to *CNN.com* after Super Typhoon Durian devastated the Albay province of the Philippines, where she worked as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, committed to making a difference in the lives of others, Julia Campbell was full of hope and promise and was planning to pursue her master's degree at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University; and

WHEREAS, with an innate ability to reach out and comfort her fellow citizens, Julia Campbell worked as a dedicated volunteer with the American Red Cross after the September 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and volunteered as a teacher for Tibetan refugees and middle-school students in New York City; these experiences, along with her moral principles and strong sense of duty, led her to join the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the Peace Corps family since 2005, Julia Campbell worked on many educational projects in Southern Luzon in the Philippines, including the development of a school library and an eco-center, and she contributed greatly to the lives of the Filipino citizens in Donsol, Sorsogon, where she lived; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell "brought light and joy into the lives" of everyone she met in the Philippines during her Peace Corps service through her personal mission of caring and concern for people in need, especially children; and

WHEREAS, in June 2007, the Philippines House of Representatives posthumously awarded Julia Campbell its highest decoration, the Congressional Medal of Achievement, in recognition of her personal sacrifice and invaluable service to the Filipino people, especially the country's many poor citizens; and

WHEREAS, Julia Campbell was a very strong and confident woman, who was a certified yoga instructor, former long-distance runner, and an avid cook, and she especially enjoyed traveling the world and discovering other cultures and cherishing new friends she met along the way; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to all who knew her well, Julia Campbell will be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile, her joyful sense of humor, and her kind and generous nature, and will be greatly missed by her loving family, her numerous friends, her colleagues in journalism and the Peace Corps, and the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of an outstanding Virginian, Julia Campbell; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for

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54 presentation to the family of Julia Campbell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her
55 memory.