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Celebrating the life of Marion Gibbs Galland.

Patrons—Ticer and Barker; Delegates: Caputo, Hull, Marsden, Moran, Scott, J.M. and Watts

WHEREAS, Marion Gibbs Galland of Alexandria, respected community benefactor and former member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1964 to 1970, died on August 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Marion Galland was born in Union County, New Jersey, attended Vassar College and graduated from Barnard College in 1934, and worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in New York before moving to Alexandria in 1941, where she worked for a congressional subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, desiring to make a difference in the Commonwealth, Marion Galland became involved in state Democratic politics, managed several political campaigns before launching her own candidacy for state office, and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1964, representing the 5th District of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Galland introduced the first gun legislation in the House of Delegates, and her bill would have instituted a 72-hour waiting period so that police could prohibit juveniles, mental patients, and criminals from buying guns, but at the time, it was narrowly defeated; and

WHEREAS, Delegate Galland advocated better funding for education and mental health care, a repeal of the poll tax, and a study on the economic impact of racial discrimination and supported black students in Alexandria in 1968 who called for the removal of the Confederate flag from city flagpoles; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated lawmaker, Delegate Galland worked diligently to enact important legislation for the citizens of Alexandria and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, after leaving public office in 1970, Marion Galland volunteered many hours for the American Red Cross, providing transportation for handicapped children, and she was awarded the Alexandria chapter's Burke Award in 1990; and

WHEREAS, a strong believer in the importance of every vote cast, Marion Galland was an active member of the League of Women Voters and served as Alexandria chapter president and a member of the organization's state board; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated fundraiser and tireless volunteer, Marion Galland gave her time and many talents to numerous community organizations, including the Alexandria Mental Health Association, the Alexandria Community Health Center, Meals on Wheels, Goodwin House, Hopkins House, Planned Parenthood, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Virginia Theological Seminary, the Community Chest, WETA public television, the Historic Alexandria Foundation, the Hunting Creek Garden Club, the Alexandria Women's Club, and the 1872 Society of Alexandria Hospital; and

WHEREAS, committed to improving the quality of life of her neighbors, Marion Galland served as president of the Alexandria Community YMCA, now the Campagna Center, from 1971 to 1974, and was one of the founding members of what is now Senior Services of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Marion Galland was a faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and a participant in the church's many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, a loving mother and wife, Marion Galland has two wonderful children, Anne and George Jr., and was the devoted wife of George F. Galland, Sr., who died in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Marion Galland will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her two children, four grandchildren, a great granddaughter, and many other loving relatives; her friends and colleagues in her many pursuits; and the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the loss of one of its admired former members, Marion Gibbs Galland; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Marion Gibbs Galland as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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