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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5074

Offered July 29, 2011

*Celebrating the life of Joan W. Cross.*

Patron—Bulova

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Joan W. Cross, an admired contributor to business and civic life in the City of Fairfax and former member of its City Council, died on July 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Joan Cross grew up in Iowa, receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in public relations and journalism and eventually relocating to Fairfax in the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her responsibilities in marketing for the CPA firm of Burdette Smith Group P.C., Joan Cross generously gave of her time and creative talents in the community; and

WHEREAS, a strong proponent of the importance of small businesses, Joan Cross served on the board of directors for the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and helped found Destination Fairfax, a partnership between the City and local businesses to promote tourism; and

WHEREAS, Joan Cross influenced the development of the City of Fairfax through her service on the board of architectural review and cochaired the City's Independence Day Celebration Committee, ensuring a popular and well-run event for local residents and their families; and

WHEREAS, Joan Cross cheerfully supported the local arts community through her service on the boards of the George Mason University Theater of the First Amendment and the City of Fairfax Band Association; and

WHEREAS, elected to City Council in 2002, Joan Cross dedicated herself to the efficient and effective running of local government, and ably represented the City on a number of regional boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City's longest-serving female council member, Joan Cross served the City of Fairfax with great integrity and enthusiasm until her retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Joan Cross received numerous awards and accolades for her contributions to the City of Fairfax, including the 2004 Small Business Advocate of the Year award and the Athena Award from the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a gracious and vibrant woman, Joan Cross will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 19 years, Ron; her children, Will, John, and Brady and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and admirers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired public servant and community supporter, Joan W. Cross; 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 Joan W. Cross as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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