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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5020

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Celebrating the life of Evelyn Momsen Hailey.

Patrons—Miller, Y.B. and Marsden

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Evelyn Momsen Hailey, a pioneering advocate for the rights of women and environmental protection as a member of the House of Delegates from 1974 to 1982 and the Virginia Senate from 1982 to 1984, died on March 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a native of Minnesota, Evelyn Hailey was the daughter of Anne Offutt Momsen and Vice Admiral Charles B. Momsen, the inventor of the "Momsen Lung," and lived in numerous places around the world during her youth, including Hawaii, where she was a witness to the events of December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, after her marriage to Captain Robert Hailey in 1943, Evelyn Hailey continued to see the world while supporting her husband in his career, raising her family, and participating in community events; and

WHEREAS, after settling in the Hampton Roads area, Evelyn Hailey participated in civic life as a parent-teacher association leader and volunteer with the League of Women voters and developed an interest in making a difference on the state level; and

WHEREAS, a gracious, intelligent, and strong woman, Evelyn Hailey came to the General Assembly in 1974 and became an enthusiastic champion of women's rights, the community college system, immunization for schoolchildren, the unifying of ports, and environmental protections; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Hailey served her constituents with great skill and integrity while working with other legislators to enact important legislation to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a ground-breaking legislator, Evelyn Hailey became the second woman to represent Norfolk in the General Assembly and the second female state senator in Virginia's history as she continued to be an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her distinguished legislative career, Evelyn Hailey epitomized the ideals of a public servant, fulfilling her responsibilities with great integrity, tireless passion, and visionary leadership; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by son Robert, Evelyn Hailey will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her husband, Robert; surviving children, Anne and Christopher, and their families, including six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her numerous other family members and friends; colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and the residents of the Commonwealth whom she faithfully served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby mourn the loss of an admired former member, Evelyn Momsen Hailey; and, be it

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

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