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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1083

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Celebrating the life of Nancy Rogerson Brown Reuter.

Patron—Minchew

WHEREAS, Nancy Rogerson Brown Reuter, the founder of a real estate company based in Middleburg and Washington, D.C., and prominent resident of Virginia's hunt country, died on November 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter was the daughter of the late John and Gladys Brown of Boston, Massachusetts, and for the first 12 years of her life she lived in her grandfather's historic house, The Crehore House, in Milton, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter attended the progressive Brush Hill School in Milton, Massachusetts, and, after her family moved to Laconia, New Hampshire, she graduated from Laconia High School in 1941; she studied at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, where she majored in drama; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Nancy Reuter served as a sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol, and, in 1944, she enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where she was assigned to the Division of Motor Transport; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter began her long business career as a teenager, helping her mother develop, promote, and manage "Antiques Expositions," a new concept in America at the time; throughout the 1940s, the mother-daughter team promoted their unique antiques show concept at some of the most fashionable settings on the East Coast; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter married Frederick Turner "Tony" Reuter on February 14, 1968, and the couple designed and built homes for their family in the Palisades and Spring Valley neighborhoods of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Nancy Reuter established Reuter's Inc., a residential real estate firm with offices in Washington, D.C., and later in Middleburg, and she began the restoration of properties in both locations; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter's most meaningful and interesting project was the 1976 restoration and refurbishment of the Red Fox Inn, the oldest building in Middleburg, which is still managed by members of her family today; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter collaborated with her mother in the 1970s to establish The Middleburg Antiques Center, which operated until 1993; and

WHEREAS, also in the 1970s, Tony and Nancy Reuter worked to establish the gardens at Glenstone, their farm in Aldie, and she could regularly be found tending to her borders and picking flowers for the arrangements that always graced her front hall and dining room; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter was a renowned gardener and artist, and a member of Emmanuel Church in Middleburg, the Society of Woman Geographers, The Colonial Dames of America Chapter XXIII, Evergreen Garden Club, Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club, and the Cosmos Club; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Reuter wrote and published five books on her family history, and her sixth book, *Well Turned Out; A Memoir* is due to be published in the spring of 2017; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Tony, Nancy Reuter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Turner, Diana, and John, and their families, and a host of other relatives and good friends; 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 Nancy Rogerson Brown Reuter, a real estate company owner and prominent resident of Virginia's hunt country; 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 Nancy Rogerson Brown Reuter as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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