

17105650D

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1086**

Offered February 21, 2017

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Michèle B. McQuigg.*

Patrons—Anderson, Lingamfelter, Albo, Bell, John J., Bell, Richard P., Bell, Robert B., Bulova, Byron, Campbell, Carr, Cline, Cole, Collins, Cox, Davis, Dudenhefer, Fariss, Freitas, Garrett, Gilbert, Herring, Howell, Hugo, Ingram, Jones, Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Landes, LaRock, Lindsey, Loupassi, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., Massie, McQuinn, Miller, Morefield, Murphy, O'Bannon, Orrock, Peace, Plum, Pogge, Poindexter, Robinson, Sickles, Stolle, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Ward, Ware, Watts, Wilt and Wright; Senators: Barker, Black, McClellan, McPike, Stuart and Surovell

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michèle B. McQuigg of Prince William County, a lifelong public servant who represented the 51st District in the Virginia House of Delegates and ably served as clerk of the Prince William Circuit Court, died on February 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bay Shore, New York, Michèle McQuigg earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Mary Washington and a master's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Michèle McQuigg worked as an elementary school teacher, an adult education teacher, and a real estate broker; she was active in civic life as a member of the local parent-teacher association, the Lake Ridge-Occoquan-Coles Civic Association, and the Prince William Republican Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Michèle McQuigg was elected to represent the residents of the Occoquan District on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors; she built strong relationships with the members of the community, taking time to visit all the citizens of the Occoquan District each year she was in office from 1992 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Michèle McQuigg ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, where she ably represented the residents of part of Prince William County in the 51st District from 1998 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a state legislator, Michèle McQuigg introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians and provided her leadership and expertise to several committees and commissions, including as vice chair of the House Committee on General Laws and chair of the Disability Commission; and

WHEREAS, Michèle McQuigg added to her legacy of public service when she was elected clerk of the Prince William Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia in 2008 and reelected in 2015; and

WHEREAS, as clerk, Michèle McQuigg enhanced the functions of the court, scanning more than 1.3 million pages of case pleadings and posting them in an online archive to better serve the members of the public, and she increased efficiency by creating a system to allow attorneys to file paperwork electronically; and

WHEREAS, Michèle McQuigg also worked to preserve historical court documents, some dating back to the formation of Prince William County in 1731, and ensured that they were easily available to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great integrity, Michèle McQuigg served Prince William County and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction, strengthening schools and education, public safety, and the overall quality of life in her community; and

WHEREAS, Michèle McQuigg was a loving mother who cared deeply for her family; she will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Clancy; daughters, Heather and Katie, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; 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 the Honorable Michèle B. McQuigg, a distinguished public servant who made lasting contributions to Prince William County and the Commonwealth; 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 the Honorable Michèle B. McQuigg as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

INTRODUCED

HJ1086