

2019 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 426

Celebrating the life of Barbara Foster Freeman.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2019
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Barbara Foster Freeman, an active member of the Reston community, died on January 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Barbara "Baba" Freeman was born in Seattle and raised in Waterford in an activist household where her mother was the president of the Virginia state League of Women Voters in the 1940s; she graduated from the Madeira School and from Bennington College, where she studied organizational development; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Baba Freeman worked in Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Operations Evaluation Group in military operations research until 1959; she spent years in Germany with her husband, Mike Freeman, who was in the army; and

WHEREAS, Baba Freeman moved to Reston in 1967, drawn by the unique village setting at Lake Anne Plaza and its surrounding neighborhoods, and lived on Orchard Lane for decades; and

WHEREAS, as an early resident of Reston, Baba Freeman's generosity and leadership helped to define the emerging community; she worked at Common Ground and the Carter Glass Library and was a prime mover in Reston Interfaith, Reston Community Association, the Reston Community Center, the Reston Chorale, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, and various county boards; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Baba Freeman was named Lady Fairfax by the Hunter Mill District for her longtime contributions to the county, including 28 years of continuous service on the Fairfax County Human Services Board; she coached boys' soccer teams for several years and served as a league commissioner; in 2010, she began volunteering in the library at Lake Anne Elementary while her grandchildren attended the school, sharing her deep love of children's books; and

WHEREAS, Baba Freeman will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Mike; children, Emily, Roger, and Andrew, and their families; and numerous other family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Barbara Foster Freeman, an active member of the Reston community; and, be it

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

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