

2020 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Celebrating the life of Melanie Bandazian Kerneklian.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 9, 2020
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Melanie Bandazian Kerneklian of Manakin-Sabot, a champion for the Armenian community in the Commonwealth, died on February 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kerneklian worked as a legislative aide for the Honorable Eric Cantor and served on the Armenia/Virginia Advisory Commission under Governor George Allen and the Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism under Governor Jim Gilmore; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kerneklian was most passionate about Armenian causes and played a vital role in efforts to include the history of Armenia in the Virginia Standards of Learning; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kerneklian was a member of the Armenian Relief Society, the Armenian National Committee of America, and St. James Armenian Church, where she taught Sunday school and was chair of the Women's Guild; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Kerneklian will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 59 years, Murad; her daughters, Sona, Seta, and Seran, and their families; and numerous other family members 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 Melanie Bandazian Kerneklian; and, be it

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

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