

2021 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 283

Celebrating the life of Marisa L. Fleck.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 14, 2021
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Marisa L. Fleck, who warmed the hearts of countless Northern Virginia families through her trademark hospitality and commitment to serving delicious, authentic Italian food as a longtime co-owner of Via Veneto restaurant in Alexandria, died on May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Fleck moved to the Commonwealth from Marotta, Italy, and followed in the footsteps of her mother, Gilda Marchetti, as a chef and restaurateur; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Fleck and her sister, Giuliana Austin, established Via Veneto in 1984, and two of their daughters, Kathy and Lilli, have helped maintain the restaurant's decades-long traditions of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Fleck helped the staff of Via Veneto prepare timeless family recipes for scratch-made pastas, entrees, and desserts and build a welcoming atmosphere where guests could feel like "friends of the family"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her skill as a cook and hostess whose get-togethers and backyard barbecues were cherished by family and friends, Marisa Fleck was also a talented singer and an accomplished seamstress; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Fleck will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Susie and Kathy, 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 Marisa L. Fleck, co-owner of Via Veneto restaurant and a beloved member of the Northern Virginia community; and, be it

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

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