

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 351

Celebrating the life of Sally G. Lamb.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 4, 2021
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Sally G. Lamb, an esteemed equestrian, instructor, and horse industry advocate who was a beloved member of the Gordonsville community, died on December 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Culpeper County High School Class of 1963, Sally Lamb studied English and biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, graduating in 1967; and

WHEREAS, alongside her husband, David, Sally Lamb founded Oakland Heights Farm in Gordonsville in 1979 with the aim to preserve and celebrate the horseback-riding traditions of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, with deep devotion to horsemanship, Sally Lamb's work touched nearly every aspect of the craft; among her many activities, she hosted horse shows, rodeos, fox hunts, and trail rides; managed the training, boarding, and breeding of horses; and participated in local parades, county fairs, and statewide celebrations; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Sally Lamb trained countless riders of all ages in the art of equestrianism, helping to ensure that this cherished aspect of Virginia's history and character will persist for many generations to come; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to promoting inclusivity in the equine community, Sally Lamb founded the Four Horseshoes Youth Foundation in 2004, providing many underprivileged young people with the opportunity to enjoy the sport of horseback riding; and

WHEREAS, Sally Lamb served as president of the Virginia Horse Council, where she was also a longtime representative of Region III, which encompasses the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Page, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah; and

WHEREAS, through her work with the Virginia Horse Council and by hosting an annual trail ride for legislators, Sally Lamb advocated on behalf of the Commonwealth's horse industry before the General Assembly, encouraging the legislative body to act in ways that would support agritourism and the Commonwealth's equine community; and

WHEREAS, an avid foxhunter nearly all her life, Sally Lamb was a prominent and influential figure in the Commonwealth's foxhunting community and elevated the sport as a member of the Bull Run Hunt Club board of directors and the Keswick Hunt Club board of governors; and

WHEREAS, through the various activities and events she organized, Sally Lamb raised significant funds for several charities, including the Wounded Warrior Project, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their longstanding support and meritorious efforts, the Virginia Horse Council named David and Sally Lamb the Virginia Horseman and Horsewoman of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sally Lamb will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, David; her son, Matt; 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 Sally G. Lamb, a distinguished equestrian who had a profound and lasting impact on innumerable lives in the Commonwealth; and, be it

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

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