

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 710

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of Virginia Leonard Plotnick.

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WHEREAS, Virginia Leonard Plotnick died on September 27, 2020, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Plotnick, known to her friends as "Gimmer Barry" or "Gimmer," was active in the local Democratic Party in the Charlottesville area and met her husband of 50 years, Rey Barry Plotnick, while flying down a zipline during an Albemarle County Democratic Committee event for Eugene McCarthy in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick was an ardent advocate for women's rights and for education; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick was on the founding staff of the Molly Michie Preschool and later was cofounder, development director, and teacher at the New School in Charlottesville; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick founded the gift shop at the Virginia Discovery Museum while working as assistant to the director of the museum; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick served as a paralegal and Realtor; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick was gifted in needlework, sewing elaborate costumes for her children and granddaughter, and was a gifted gardener, cook, and sailor; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick is survived by her husband, Rey Barry Plotnick, their daughters Brooke Plotnick and Apple Plotnick Jannotta and their families; and

WHEREAS, Gimmer Plotnick will be fondly remembered by her family members and friends and by the many people whose lives she touched through her commitment to service; 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 Virginia Leonard Plotnick; 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 Virginia Leonard Plotnick as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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