

2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 557

Celebrating the life of Sheila Kavanagh Mandt.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2021

WHEREAS, Sheila Kavanagh Mandt, an esteemed nonprofit executive and an active and beloved member of the Richmond community, died on January 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in New York City and raised in Michigan, Sheila Mandt attended the University of Detroit Mercy from 1986 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Mandt settled in Richmond in 1995 and soon became a forceful member of the local nonprofit community, particularly with regard to victim's rights groups; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Mandt's illustrious career as a nonprofit executive included six years as director of leadership giving at the United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg and stints as director of development for the Greater Richmond Area Command of the Salvation Army and as chief executive officer of the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 20 years, Sheila Mandt contributed greatly to the success of many area nonprofits as president of SKM Management, a fundraising consulting firm specializing in prospect research, annual funds, and capital campaigns; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000s, Sheila Mandt spearheaded a collaborative project between several abused women's shelters in the Commonwealth that resulted in a handmade quilt, measuring roughly 150 feet by 10 feet, that commemorated victims of domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, displayed at prominent locations throughout the Commonwealth, such as the Capitol Building and the Office of the Attorney General, the quilt organized by Sheila Mandt brought greater awareness to the problem of domestic abuse while also conveying a message about the strength and courage of victims; and

WHEREAS, Sheila Mandt will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband, Chris; her brothers, Neil and Michael; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sheila Kavanagh Mandt, an accomplished nonprofit executive in Richmond whose kindness, generosity, and dedication to her community touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Sheila Kavanagh Mandt as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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