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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 734

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Celebrating the life of Anne Albersheim Andrews.

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WHEREAS, Anne Albersheim Andrews, a longtime civil servant who greatly enhanced the quality of life in Fairfax County through her visionary leadership as a community volunteer and determined advocate for people in need, died on December 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews grew up in Asbury Park, New Jersey, and relocated to the Washington, D.C., area after graduating from Bryn Mawr College; she pursued a career as a civil servant, specializing in personnel management for numerous federal agencies, including what is now the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Anne Andrews retired as an executive personnel policy and compensation expert at the United States Department of Defense, from which she earned several awards and accolades for her achievements, including her work to design and implement the Executive Personnel and Management Development Information System; and

WHEREAS, outside of her professional career, Anne Andrews was better known as an indomitable champion and an effective community organizer for access to mental health care and substance abuse treatment, support for the homeless, coordinated community health care resources for people with low income, and other programs to address the essential needs of the most vulnerable Fairfax County residents; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews cofounded the Route 1 Task Force for Human Services, now the South County Task Force for Human Services, to foster communication and coordination between Fairfax County agencies and charitable organizations, and she served as a leader of the organization for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews guided efforts to establish the first homeless shelter in Fairfax County, which later became New Hope Housing serving the Richmond Highway Corridor, and she helped create or restore county programs related to maternal nutrition, hypothermia prevention, and substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews fostered the Program of Assertive Community Treatment, which provides rehabilitation and support services to severely mentally ill individuals for whom traditional clinic-based facilities have been insufficient; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews represented the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Health Care Advisory Board; chaired the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, which prevented the closure and relocation of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; and helped found the Community Health Care Network of Fairfax County, which manages several health clinics and has reduced the need for low-income residents to visit local emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Anne Andrews was selected as the 1990 Lady Fairfax for the Mount Vernon District in recognition of her exceptional legacy of contributions to her fellow Fairfax County residents and went on to receive the prestigious recognition of being named 2008 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Anne Andrews was a charter member of the Fairfax County Commission on Aging and was characteristically fully active at the Greenspring Village senior living facility, serving on the resident council and the finance, dining, and health services committees; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Richard, Anne Andrews will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Walter, Peter, and Bronwen, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Anne Albersheim Andrews, a tireless community leader who touched countless lives in Fairfax County; 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 Anne Albersheim Andrews as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.