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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 788

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Commending Peggy Singlemann.

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WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann, who served Maymont in Richmond for 38 years, retired as Maymont Foundation's director of park operations and horticulture on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Peggy Singlemann planned and directed the restoration, cultivation, presentation, and interpretation of the gardens, grounds, and arboretum at Maymont; and

WHEREAS, as director of park operations and horticulture, Peggy Singlemann's major accomplishments included the development of the long-term care program for Maymont's historic Italian and Japanese Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann developed the comprehensive interpretation of Maymont as an important expression of early 20th century country landscapes; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann built an extensive body of documentation regarding the Maymont estate and its historic gardens and arboretum; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann led, inspired, and educated hundreds of volunteers, colleagues, and supporters while raising their appreciation for both Maymont and horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann supported, oversaw, and enhanced the operations of Maymont, which serves more than 800,000 guests each year; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann developed and supported new public engagement opportunities, including the Maymont Flower and Garden Show and Garden Glow; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann will continue to share her love for and knowledge of horticulture as host of Virginia Public Media's *Virginia Home Grown* television show, which in the past has prominently featured Maymont's historic gardens and promoted interest in this Richmond treasure; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann gave unselfishly of her personal time to ensure Maymont's protection and success; and

WHEREAS, under Peggy Singlemann's leadership, Maymont was recognized as one of the Great Places in America by the American Planning Association; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Singlemann's passion, determination, and dedication helped advance the Maymont Foundation's mission and guiding principles to preserve Maymont as a public garden and historic estate for this and future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Peggy Singlemann, a dedicated professional who has guided the preservation and development of Maymont in Richmond with both vision and enthusiasm, hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement after 38 years of highly successful service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Peggy Singlemann as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and appreciation for her significant contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for an enjoyable and productive retirement.

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