

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 655

Celebrating the life of Maureen McNamara Flanagan.

Agreed to by the Senate, June 17, 2022

WHEREAS, Maureen McNamara Flanagan, an esteemed communications professional and beloved member of the Virginia Beach community for more than 40 years, died on March 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, New York, Maureen Flanagan earned a bachelor's degree from College of Mount Saint Vincent in 1968; she would later also complete graduate studies in communications at Regent University, receiving a master's degree in 1985 and a doctoral degree in 1995; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from College of Mount Saint Vincent, Maureen Flanagan settled in the Commonwealth, where she would remain for the rest of her life while pursuing various interests and careers; and

WHEREAS, early in her career, Maureen Flanagan was a docent at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., a teacher at Notre Dame Academy in Washington, D.C., and executive director of Hope in Northern Virginia, Inc., a pregnancy assistance service in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Flanagan's gift as a communicator led her to serve as a television producer for the Rock Christian Network, as an adjunct instructor and later a faculty member at Old Dominion University, and as a reporter and writer for *The Catholic Virginian* newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Flanagan also served as marketing director and co-founder of Christopher Technology Consulting in Virginia Beach, was a developer and presenter for Unlock the Box Seminars in Virginia Beach, and co-authored *The Fourth Side of the Triangle: The Human Side of Technology Project Management* with her husband, Paul; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of her community, Maureen Flanagan was a den leader with the Boy Scouts of America's Cub Scouting program and collaborated with her husband as a team presenter and coordinator for Worldwide Marriage Encounter; and

WHEREAS, with boundless love and generosity, Maureen Flanagan opened her home and her heart to many over the years, including women dealing with difficult pregnancies, refugees from war, people recovering from illness, students needing housing, new employees needing a temporary room, and more; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith and an unwavering desire to help others, Maureen Flanagan was a devoted member of Catholic Church of the Ascension in Virginia Beach, coordinating the church's Hospitality Ministry and chairing the Communications Commission for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Flanagan will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving husband of 53 years, Paul; her son, Mark, and his family; 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 Maureen McNamara Flanagan, a cherished member of the Virginia Beach community whose charitable and caring nature made an impact on 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 Maureen McNamara Flanagan as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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