

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 241

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Nancy Beth Firestone.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 16, 2023

WHEREAS, the Honorable Nancy Beth Firestone, Senior Judge on the United States Court of Federal Claims and a beloved mother, partner, sister, daughter, friend, and member of the Lake Barcroft community, died on October 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Manchester, New Hampshire, Nancy Firestone earned a Bachelor's degree from Washington University in 1973 and a Juris Doctor degree with honors from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 1977 before embarking upon a distinguished career with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, rising quickly through the ranks as an attorney with the Department of Justice, Nancy Firestone later served as the Associate Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from 1989 to 1992, as a judge on its Environmental Appeals Board from 1992 to 1995, and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice from 1995 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Firestone was then appointed by President William J. Clinton and confirmed as an Associate Judge on the United States Court of Federal Claims in 1998, which she served with a great sense of duty for 15 years, assuming Senior Judge status in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Firestone was an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center for more than 35 years, where she relished the opportunity to mentor future attorneys and to explore with them the more complex and challenging topics of the day; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner, patron of the arts, and world traveler, Nancy Firestone brought tremendous insight, intellect, kindness, compassion, wit, and grace to every encounter and exchange; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Firestone's passion for both education and the arts led her to serve on both the Board of the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education and the Theatre J Council; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Firestone was deeply committed to the well-being of her community, serving six years on the Board of Directors of the Lake Barcroft Association; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Firestone will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her loving spouse and partner of 38 years, Patricia; her daughter, Amanda; 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 the Honorable Nancy Beth Firestone, Senior Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims and a cherished member of the Lake Barcroft community, whose caring and thoughtful nature was a light in many lives; 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 the Honorable Nancy Beth Firestone as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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