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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 471

Offered February 23, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Judith Ann Pfennig.*

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WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pfennig, a longtime employee of Mobil Oil and ExxonMobil and a vibrant member of the Clifton community, died on January 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Judith Pfennig was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, and learned the value of hard work and responsibility growing up on her family's homestead farm near Driscoll; and

WHEREAS, Judith Pfennig excelled in academics and graduated as valedictorian of her high school; she also cultivated a passion for music at a young age and brought joy to the community as the organist at Grace Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Judith Pfennig moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Honorable Quentin Burdick, the United States senator from North Dakota, and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Judith Pfennig was recruited by Mobil oil company and went on to hold a variety of leadership roles, often serving as the first woman to ever hold a certain post; and

WHEREAS, while working for Mobil, Judith Pfennig lived in 14 cities over the course of 16 years; she audited gas stations, ran pipelines, and ultimately managed a staff of over 25 people responsible for the corporation's global billing system, involving more than 130,000 annual transactions between New York City, London, Jakarta, Lagos, and other business centers, and representing \$24 billion; and

WHEREAS, when Mobil was acquired by Exxon in 1999, Judith Pfennig briefly worked in real estate before returning to the newly formed ExxonMobil as an independent consultant and served in that capacity until 2020; and

WHEREAS, with her comprehensive understanding of the people, places, and processes that made up the corporation, Judith Pfennig was an unparalleled source of institutional knowledge at ExxonMobil; and

WHEREAS, outside of her over 40-year career with Mobil, Judith Pfennig enjoyed collecting stamps and coins and spending time with friends and family on her boat, Mom's Promise, and on her Lone Magnolia Farm in Clifton; and

WHEREAS, Judith Pfennig will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, David; her children, Elizabeth and Daniel; 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 Judith Ann Pfennig; 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 Judith Ann Pfennig as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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