

2023 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 252

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Jane Haycock Woods.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 19, 2023
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jane Haycock Woods, a respected public servant, a champion for affordable health care in the Commonwealth, and an active community leader in Fairfax, died on July 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, born in Maryland, Jane Woods earned a bachelor's degree in education from American University and worked as an educator in Fairfax County Public Schools for almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Jane Woods ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1987 and represented the residents of the 37th District until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Jane Woods subsequently served as a member of the Senate of Virginia, representing the residents of the 34th District from 1992 to 2000; during that time she also served as chair of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and was a member of the Joint Commission on Health Care, as well as numerous other commissions and joint committees; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Jane Woods introduced and supported many important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians; and

WHEREAS, after her time as a state lawmaker, Jane Woods served as the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Governor Mark Warner, then joined the Department for Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services and established her own consulting firm, Driftwood Consulting, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Jane Woods also served as vice chair of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and was a board member of the Virginia Health Quality Center and the Northern Virginia Health Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Jane Woods advocated for seniors on behalf of the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Virginia Association for Adult Day Health Care, and she offered her expertise and wise insights to several other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jane Woods worked diligently to enhance the quality of life in Fairfax as a member or officer of several local boards and commissions, and she supported the arts as a leader in the City of Fairfax Band Association and the Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Jane Woods was selected as the City of Fairfax Woman of the Year in 1986, the City of Fairfax Commission for Women's Outstanding Woman in 1987, and Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Jane Woods was highly admired for her kindness and humility; she served the Commonwealth with integrity and distinction and touched countless lives throughout the Commonwealth through her generosity, compassion, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, James, Jane Woods will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by her siblings, Michael and Anne, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Jane Haycock Woods, a dedicated public servant who made many contributions to Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth as a whole; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Jane Haycock Woods as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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