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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 392

Offered February 20, 2023

*Celebrating the life of Rhoda M. Dreyfus.*

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WHEREAS, Rhoda M. Dreyfus, a longtime activist for civil liberties and civil rights and a beloved member of the Charlottesville community, died on November 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Dreyfus attended Brandeis University and the University of Michigan and lived for some time in New Orleans, where she was one of the founding members of the Louisiana affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Dreyfus settled in the Charlottesville area in 1977 and became a highly engaged member of the community, serving as a board member with the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, and the Public Concern Foundation, which publishes *The Washington Spectator*; and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Dreyfus worked tirelessly for local, state, and national Democratic candidates her whole life, serving as chair of the Albemarle County Democratic Committee and as a member of the 7th Congressional District Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Dreyfus notably campaigned for President Barack Obama leading up to the 2008 primaries in South Carolina and was also a longstanding member of a weekly Albemarle-Charlottesville Democrat lunch group; and

WHEREAS, Rhoda Dreyfus was a strong supporter of the ACLU, African American Teaching Fellows, the NAACP, the Emily Couric Leadership Forum, the Charlottesville Free Clinic, and the Legal Aid Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, her infant daughter, Julie Ann, and her son, Murray, Rhoda Dreyfus will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her daughter, Barbara; and by numerous other family members and friends; 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 Rhoda M. Dreyfus, a cherished member of the Charlottesville community whose passionate activism touched 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 Rhoda M. Dreyfus as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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