

2024 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 184

Celebrating the life of Phyllis Hatcher.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 26, 2024

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher, an educator and a woman of deep faith who enhanced cultural life in Wise County through her generous servant-leadership, died on December 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher grew up in Wise and worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the region while she earned a bachelor's degree from Clinch Valley College; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher received a master's degree from the University of Virginia and began a long and fulfilling career as a teacher in 1975; for more than three decades, she taught language arts in public schools and participated in Upward Bound summer programs to help students prepare for higher education; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement as an educator, Phyllis Hatcher continued to serve as a substitute teacher, tutor, and youth mentor; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Phyllis Hatcher was guided by her faith, and her bookmarked and well-worn Bible was always on her bedside; she had many church homes, from Hurricane Baptist Church to Norton United Methodist Church, where she built cherished friendships; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher enhanced community life through her volunteer leadership and her passion for the arts; she played an instrumental role in bringing the Pro-Art Association to Wise County and supported the Symphony of the Mountains and the Barter Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher provided her wisdom and expertise to many other local organizations, and she was a loyal alumna of Clinch Valley College, serving as president of its alumni association; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Hatcher was well-known for her legendary parties and holiday gatherings, and her home was often filled with warmth, laughter, and the aromas of her delicious meals; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her first husband, Jack, Phyllis Hatcher will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 31 years, Lu; her children, Scott and Hunter, and their families; 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 Phyllis Hatcher; 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 Phyllis Hatcher as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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