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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 643

Offered July 18, 2024

Celebrating the life of Trixie Averill.

Patron—

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill, a respected civic leader in the Roanoke Valley, passed away on May 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 27, 1948 and attended the University of Southwest Louisiana in Lafayette where she met her husband, Dan; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill was one of the first professional female disc jockeys in the South when she joined KSMB in Lafayette in 1969 and WNOE in New Orleans in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill moved to the Roanoke Valley in 1979 and quickly became involved in the community and began volunteering with Republican candidates that would lead to more than four decades of significant leadership in the Roanoke Valley's civic life; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill became a dedicated member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke and volunteered with many philanthropic efforts; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill served as the Roanoke County Republican Party's Vinton Magisterial Chair for more than thirty years, as the first female Roanoke County Republican Party Chair, as the first female Sixth District Republican Committee Chair, and as the Republican Party of Virginia's Western Chairwoman; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill had significant leadership positions in many successful campaigns including the campaigns of Governor George Allen, Governor Jim Gilmore, and Governor Bob McDonnell; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill conducted a spirited campaign of her own for the House of Delegates in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Trixie Averill sought to share her love of life among the Roanoke Valley's Blue Ridge mountains through numerous tourism initiatives with Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge and Explore Park; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Trixie Averill, a respected Virginian; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Trixie Averill as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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