

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 695

Celebrating the life of Cheryl Bates Macias Hamby.

Agreed to by the Senate, October 27, 2025

WHEREAS, Cheryl Bates Macias Hamby, a longtime federal employee who worked diligently to support the nation's farmers and rural economies, fight hunger, advance new opportunities for all Americans, and promote ethical and effective public service, died on October 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby was born in 1956 to Marguerite Berry Robinson and Edward Whitfield Bates, Sr.; she spent much of her childhood traveling internationally as her parents worked with programs supporting communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Cheryl Hamby cultivated an appreciation for the importance of volunteer leadership and developed a commitment to duty and service; after her mother's death, she lived in the Commonwealth with her grandparents and ultimately pursued a career in government; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby began her career on Capitol Hill, serving as a staff member to two United States representatives over the course of 17 years; she was a senior staffer on the House Select Committee on Hunger, where she helped shape policies addressing poverty, hunger, health, housing, and rural development; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby played a critical role in identifying candidates to serve in the Clinton administration, earning an appointment as deputy assistant to the president and chief of staff for presidential personnel in the White House; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby next served as director of congressional and public affairs at the Farm Credit Administration from 1993 to 1995, then held multiple senior leadership positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, before returning to the Farm Credit Administration as chief operating officer in 2000; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, Cheryl Hamby was admired for her ability to build personal connections with constituents and forge strong bonds based on mutual respect across party lines and professional ranks; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby mentored young people through her work with Scouts BSA, serving as the Prince William District Committee chair from 2019 to 2022; she received the District Award of Merit and the John Jenkins Good Scout Award for her exceptional contributions and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby also volunteered her time and talents with the Rotary Club of Manassas; in addition to serving as immediate past president of the club, she had supported other local clubs as District 7610 assistant governor and chair of the Peace Fellowship Program; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby was passionate about inspiring others to fulfill their civic duty to vote and stay engaged in government at all levels; she was recognized by the Prince William Democratic Committee and the Manassas and Manassas Park Cities Democratic Committee for her leadership and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active member of First New Birth Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby brought joy to others through her compassion, humor, and authenticity, and she was highly admired for her integrity, sense of purpose, kindness, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Hamby will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her loving husband, Frank; her children, Adam and Jessie; her daughter-in-law, Emily; her siblings, Barry, Edward, Mary, and Michael, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Cheryl Bates Macias Hamby; and, be it

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

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