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*Celebrating the life of Susan Bulkley Kellom.*

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WHEREAS, Susan Bulkley Kellom, an honorable veteran, dedicated civic leader, passionate political activist, and beloved member of the Alexandria community, died on April 11, 2026; and

WHEREAS, born in Philadelphia, Susan Kellom graduated from Gettysburg College before serving her country for several years as a military police officer in the United States Army, becoming one of the first women to be selected for the military police advanced course; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kellom moved to Alexandria in the early 1980s and soon became an influential member of the community through her extensive involvement with a number of local civic and political organizations; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2013, Susan Kellom was a member of the Alexandria Commission for Women, and she later continued to assist the commission as a member of the board of the Friends of the Alexandria Commission for Women; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kellom served on the Alexandria Youth Policy Commission from 1997 to 2003 and on the Alexandria Human Rights Commission for many years, including two terms as chair; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kellom served as chair of the Alexandria Democratic Party Committee from 1999 to 2010, and she guided and mentored many candidates and local leaders over the years; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kellom was appointed chair of the Alexandria Electoral Board in 2012 and oversaw the city's registrar's office and electoral process with great integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kellom drove efforts to establish MetroStage in Alexandria, which has made a meaningful and lasting imprint on the city's cultural scene since its founding; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband, Bernard, Susan Kellom will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her brother, David; her stepchildren, Janet, Theresa, and Bernard; 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 Susan Bulkley Kellom, a treasured member of the Alexandria community whose wisdom, compassion, and steadfast commitment to helping others made an impact on 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 Susan Bulkley Kellom as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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