

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 805

*Commending Nicole Guggenheim Yancey.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates July 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Nicole Guggenheim Yancey, an honorary consul of France and president emeritus of the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, has greatly fostered relations between the United States and France over many years; and

WHEREAS, a citizen of both France and the United States, Nicole Yancey survived World War II in France before traveling to the United States to pursue her interest in international studies; and

WHEREAS, with abundant experience and education in the area of international affairs, Nicole Yancey embarked upon a career in intercultural relations in 1976 as a volunteer for the bicentennial celebration of the American Revolution in Yorktown; and

WHEREAS, in later years, Nicole Yancey played a vital role in coordinating the establishment of the French Memorial in Yorktown, honoring the courage and sacrifice of French veterans in their fight to secure America's freedom; and

WHEREAS, as honorary consul of France, Nicole Yancey has volunteered with a number of French consulates throughout the Commonwealth to assist them in the fulfillment of their missions in service to citizens of both France and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exemplary efforts, Nicole Yancey was presented with the French Legion of Honor, a prestigious award founded by Napoleon Bonaparte that is bestowed upon only a few thousand French citizens annually; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the board of directors of the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Nicole Yancey supported the success of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, which commemorates the allied French and Continental armies and the route they traveled to and from the Siege of Yorktown during the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Yancey has demonstrated exceptional dedication in her efforts to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and France; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Nicole Guggenheim Yancey hereby be commended for her volunteerism and her work with the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Nicole Guggenheim Yancey as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration and respect for her legacy of service.

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