

# 2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 644

*Celebrating the life of Mary Catherine Gause.*

Agreed to by the Senate, July 18, 2024

WHEREAS, Mary Catherine Gause, a respected civic leader and former Senate of Virginia aide, passed away on March 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause's sweet southern accent immediately announced she was a native of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause was born on September 24, 1954, in Columbia, South Carolina, and later graduated from the University of South Carolina where she was an active member of Chi Omega; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause's strong Christian faith inspired her to be an active member of many community efforts after moving to Roanoke as an adult; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause was an active member of Roanoke's First Baptist Church and was involved in many of her daughter's activities at Crystal Spring Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause was a significant part of Ralph Smith's successful 2007 Senate of Virginia campaign before serving as a Virginia Senate aide for eight years where she offered friendly service to her fellow Virginians; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Gause held many leadership positions in the Republican Party including President of the Botetourt Republican Women; Treasurer of the Roanoke County Republican Party; and Roanoke Valley Vice-Chair of the Sixth District Republican Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Cathy Gause, 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 Cathy Gause as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory and appreciation for her service.

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