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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 961

Celebrating the life of Audrey Elizabeth Moore.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Audrey Elizabeth Moore, an environmentalist and an advocate for responsible growth who strengthened the Fairfax County community as a longtime member and former chair of the Board of Supervisors, died on December 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Venezuela, Audrey Moore came to the United States with her family at a young age and grew up in Westchester County, New York; she attended Mount Holyoke College and graduated from the University of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Moore intended to pursue a legal career, but ultimately chose to attend a secretarial school in Manhattan instead; her exposure to the urban sprawl of New York City turned out to be a seminal moment in her life, igniting her passion for environmentalism; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Audrey Moore relocated to Washington, D.C., to work as an administrative assistant for a trademark specialist, and by 1956, she settled in Annandale, which at the time was experiencing significant growth; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Moore educated herself on urban planning techniques, rezoning procedures, and state laws on sewers, transportation, and parks, and became president of her local civic association in an effort to preserve the community's rural charms; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Audrey Moore led a door-to-door campaign to save Wakefield Park and helped raise $18 million to expand parks throughout Fairfax County, resulting in what is now a system of 427 parks on 23,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Audrey Moore ran for and was elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, where she supported a zoning change that restricted development in the Occoquan Basin to one house per every five acres; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Audrey Moore was elected chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; she supported vital programs to increase the health and economic vitality of the community, helping to manage the county's growth through investments in road improvements; and

WHEREAS, in her later years, Audrey Moore was an active member of the Greenspring retirement community in Springfield, bringing joy to her fellow residents with her zest for life; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Moore will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her sons, Douglas, Andrew, and Robert, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Audrey Elizabeth Moore, a champion for the residents of Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Aubrey Elizabeth Moore as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.