

2022 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

Celebrating the life of Magalen Ohrstrom Bryant.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2022
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 31, 2022

WHEREAS, Magalen Ohrstrom Bryant, a prominent leader in thoroughbred horse racing who touched countless lives throughout the Commonwealth and the world through her commitment to philanthropy, died on June 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in New York, Magalen "Maggie" Bryant lived in Connecticut before relocating to Virginia, where she graduated from Chatham Hall preparatory school; she earned a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe College in Massachusetts, then returned to Virginia and settled in Middleburg; and

WHEREAS, having taken up equestrian sports at a young age, Maggie Bryant developed a stable of winning horses at her 2,400-acre farm and was inducted into the Virginia Steeplechase Association Hall of Fame in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Bryant became the first American female owner to win the Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris with her horse Milord Thomas in 2015, and she followed up with wins in 2016 and 2017 with her horse So French; and

WHEREAS, a passionate conservationist, Maggie Bryant established and donated more than 12,000 acres of land in Mississippi to the Tara Wildlife Foundation; she also served as chair of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Bryant supported young people around the world through the establishment of summer camps in the United States, Montessori schools in Paraguay, and teacher training programs in South Africa; and

WHEREAS, closer to home, Maggie Bryant was a leading investor in the privately owned Dulles Greenway toll road that connects Washington Dulles International Airport to Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Bryant will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Magalen C. Werbert, W. Carey Crane III, Michael R. Crane, Kristiane C. Graham, and John C. O. Bryant, and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Magalen Ohrstrom Bryant; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Magalen Ohrstrom Bryant as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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