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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 344

Offered March 3, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Anna Jane Leider.*

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WHEREAS, Anna Jane Leider, esteemed former voter registrar of the City of Alexandria and a beloved member of the Alexandria community, died on February 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, while a student at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Anna Leider won a national essay contest sponsored by the National Football League with her submission "Why is Football so American?," in which she cleverly drew parallels between the ideals of the nation and the objectives of football; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leider later earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and a master's degree in business administration from New York University before taking a job on Capitol Hill in the office of United States Senator John Warner; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leider subsequently supported President Bill Clinton's bid for the White House as his Alexandria campaign manager, an experience that led her to chair the Alexandria Democratic Committee from 1993 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leider joined the City of Alexandria's Office of Voter Registration and Elections in 1998 and thereafter rose from election official to the position of general registrar and director of elections as appointed by the electoral board of the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, over her 22-year tenure at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, Anna Leider helped manage more than 40 elections, while the numbers of registered voters and polling places increased significantly under her watch; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leider was a valued mentor to many colleagues and local officials, inspiring others to pursue excellence in the administration of their public duties; and

WHEREAS, Anna Leider was a devoted sports fan who enjoyed few activities more than cheering on her favorite teams, the Washington Nationals and the Kansas University Jayhawks; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her father, Robert, Anna Leider will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her mother, Kit, 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 Anna Jane Leider, admired former voter registrar of the City of Alexandria who demonstrated exceptional kindness, generosity, and integrity throughout her life; 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 Anna Jane Leider as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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