

## 2022 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

*Celebrating the life of Mary Dear Moon.*

Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2022

WHEREAS, Mary Dear Moon, an active and beloved member of the Charlottesville community, died on July 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Gilbertsville, New York, Mary Moon attended the University of Virginia School of Nursing, where she met her future husband, Dr. Cary N. Moon, Jr., who was a medical student at the time; and

WHEREAS, Mary Moon gave generously of her time for more than 60 years as a volunteer at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, which honored her service with its volunteer award in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in response to the school closings in the Commonwealth in 1958 due to the Massive Resistance policy of the era, Mary Moon mobilized with other mothers to establish the Parents' Committee for Emergency Schooling, educating more than 300 students in basements across the Charlottesville community until schools were reopened; and

WHEREAS, Mary Moon fostered the achievements and success of others as president of the parent-teacher association of Venable School in Charlottesville, as president of what is now the Junior League of Charlottesville, and as a board member of Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge; and

WHEREAS, an avid gardener, Mary Moon was still tending to her yard into her 90s and was admired by many for her ability to craft artful arrangements from the flowers and greenery she grew at home; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout her life by her faith, Mary Moon enjoyed worship and fellowship with her community at Christ Church Glendower in Albemarle County, where she served as senior warden from 1986 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Cary, and her second husband, University of Virginia professor Norman Graebner, Mary Moon will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by her children, Larré Holladay (Douglas), Ridie Otey (David), Cary III (Leigh), Richard (Lori), James "J" (Jenna), and Page (Elizabeth), and their families; and by numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Mary Dear Moon, a cherished member of the Charlottesville community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Mary Dear Moon as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for her memory.

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