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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

TO REMEMBER PUBLIC SERVANT, PUBLIC POLICY EXPERT, AND
EMMY AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST ALICE STEWART.

Subtitle

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JOURNALIST ALICE STEWART.

WHEREAS, public servant, public policy expert, and Emmy-political journalist Alice Stewart, formerly of Virginia, passed away May 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was born March 11, 1966, in Atlanta, Georgia, and started her career there as a local reporter and producer before moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1998 to be a news anchor with KARK-TV; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart went on to serve as the communications director for then-Governor Michael Dale "Mike" Huckabee and also served in this role for Huckabee during his presidential campaign in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart served the people of Arkansas as Deputy Secretary of State under Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was communications director for the presidential campaigns of former United States Representative Michele Bachmann, former United States Senator Rick Santorum, and United States Senator Ted Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was hired by CNN as a political commentator



ahead of the 2016 presidential election and appeared on air frequently, including as a regular guest of "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer"; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart also served on the senior advisory committee at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's Kennedy School, where she previously was a fellow; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was guided by a deep faith in Jesus Christ and a strong conviction to follow Him, and was a faithful member of The Church at Rock Creek in Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was devoted to loving her family well, and adored her sisters Andrea Schwind and Heather Thompson (Pete), brother Eric Fraker (Vikki), nieces Brittney Lerzo (Michael) and Katie Schwind, and nephews Jonathan Schwind (Madison) and Thomas Schwind; and

WHEREAS, in her free time, Alice Stewart was an avid and competitive runner, and was instrumental in the founding of the Little Rock Marathon, serving in many roles, including Media Director; and

WHEREAS, Alice Stewart was a board member of Girls on the Run of Central Arkansas, a nonprofit that honored her by saying of Alice Stewart, "Alice knew the importance of teaching girls they have limitless potential and the power inside to lift up themselves and others"; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge said of Alice Stewart, "Alice was a wonderful friend to me and never wavered in her love for others. She was one of the hardest working people I have ever known. Alice was a gracious and generous host, always inviting others to come fellowship with her"; and

WHEREAS, CNN program host Wolf Blitzer said of Alice Stewart, "We always invited her to come on my show because we knew we would be a little bit smarter at the end of that conversation. She helped our viewers better appreciate what was going on and that's why we will miss her so much"; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Heard wrote of Alice Stewart in Arkansas Money & Politics magazine, "I respected Alice Stewart more than any reporter I dealt with during my two decades in news"; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Michael Dale "Mike" Huckabee said of Alice Stewart, "She was an avid runner and marathoner and encouraged me during my training for the 2005 Little Rock Marathon. She did an ongoing feature about the training and my completing the marathon, the first of several for me",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate remember public servant, public policy expert, and Emmy Award-winning journalist Alice Stewart.