



## Resolution in Loving Memory of Kerry J. Donley

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A RESOLUTION in memory of Kerry J. Donley and his outstanding contributions throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Alexandria.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was a steadfast voice for the community, economic development, transformational growth<sup>1</sup>, and guided the city through the economic uncertainty that followed the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was a loving father to five children and husband to Eva Shamblin.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was a resident of Alexandria, Virginia for nearly 60 years.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was Mayor of Alexandria City for six years, Vice Mayor for six years and City Councilman for five years.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was Chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia for two years during Senator Mark R. Warner’s term as Governor.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was a banker, from his early days at Crestar Bank starting in 1979 through his most recent position as a senior vice president at John Marshall Bank<sup>2</sup>.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley served on several boards during his tenure, including: the Alexandria Transit Company Board as vice chair, Cameron Station Development Task Force as co-chair, the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy as chair and the Youth Policy Commission and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership as chair.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was active in civic work including serving on several nonprofit boards such as the Carpenter’s Shelter, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, the Center for Alexandria’s Children, Alexandria Senior Services and Alexandria Renew Enterprises.

**WHEREAS**, Kerry J. Donley was an active member of his community, accomplishing many achievements including: an Alexandria Living Legend (2017), Volunteer Alexandria’s Lifetime Achievement Award (2016), Carpenter’s Shelter Wall of Honor (2015), Senior Services of Alexandria’s Generation to

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/07/14/kerry-donley-alexandria-mayor-dies/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://alexandrialegends.org/kerry-donley/>

Generation Award (2013), Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's Business Leader of the Year Award (2004) and many other accolades<sup>3</sup>.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that**

the Alexandria Democratic Committee and Virginia Democrats deeply mourn the passing of Kerry J. Donley and pledge to uphold the values of the Democratic party in his memory.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/news/former-mayor-kerry-donley-dies/>