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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 452

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Celebrating the life of Greta Evans.

Patrons—Ware, O., Fralin and Griffith; Senator: Edwards

WHEREAS, Greta Evans of Roanoke, well-known and widely respected in the community for her activism and her community affairs television broadcasts, died on February 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a native of West Virginia, Greta Evans grew up in Roanoke, graduated at the top of her class from Lucy Addison High School, and moved to New York to attend City College; and

WHEREAS, Greta Evans returned to Roanoke in the early 1980s and worked in radio until 1983, when she was hired by WSLs, Channel 10, to write and host a community affairs program, "Reaching Out"; and

WHEREAS, Greta Evans served WSLs as community affairs coordinator, reporter, and host of "Datebook," in addition to her popular work on "Reaching Out"; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Greta Evans wrote the narration for *Henry St.!*, a musical that raised funds for the restoration of the Henry Street area and the Dumas Center for Artistic and Cultural Development; and

WHEREAS, Greta Evans introduced local schoolchildren to African customs and lifestyles; volunteered for the Sister Cities program, working with Roanoke's sister city of Kisumu, Kenya; and was involved with the Harrison Museum of African American Culture; and

WHEREAS, Greta Evans' activism on issues of equality, education, and Roanoke community affairs won her the respect and affection of the organizations and the community she served; 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 an exceptional citizen of Roanoke, Greta Evans; 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 Greta Evans as an expression of the respect in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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