

## 2012 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 219

*Celebrating the life of Mary Ann Gaudette Buffington.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 27, 2012  
Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2012

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Gaudette Buffington, whose dedication to Richmond's Church Hill community was strong and steadfast, died on December 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Buffington was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, and graduated from Manchester West High School; she became a cosmetologist and moved to Charleston, West Virginia, where she met her husband, Bob; and

WHEREAS, the couple moved to Richmond, eventually opening Captain Buzzy's Beanery, a coffee shop in historic Church Hill; the entrepreneurial couple also owned Buff's Corner restaurant; both businesses were located on East Broad Street, Church Hill's main thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Buffington presided over Captain Buzzy's with a positive outlook, a sunny disposition, and a rapier wit, and the store's customers deeply appreciated the owners' endeavors to make the coffee shop a social hub of the community; and

WHEREAS, part of what made Captain Buzzy's special was Mary Ann Buffington's homemade desserts and scones; the restaurant's red velvet cake was featured in *Virginia Living* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Buffington's other interests included bird watching, gardening, travel, and watching the *Wheel of Fortune* television show; she was thrilled when she appeared on the show in 2003 and was the winning contestant; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Buffington is survived by her devoted husband, Robert S. Buffington II; her stepdaughter Natalie, whom she loved dearly; she will be fondly remembered by other family members, and the many friends, neighbors, and customers of Captain Buzzy's; 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 a loving wife and dedicated supporter of Church Hill, Mary Ann Gaudette Buffington; 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 Mary Ann Gaudette Buffington as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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