## 2012 SESSION

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 202

Celebrating the life of Debra Chittum Cox.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 1, 2012 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 6, 2012

WHEREAS, Debra Chittum Cox of Fredericksburg, a successful beautician and a person who embraced life to its fullest, who dearly loved her family, and who derived great comfort from her faith, died on January 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a young girl, Debra Chittum "Debbie" Cox loved animals, especially horses; she owned a pony as a young girl, and when she was older she participated in horse shows, winning many ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Cox had many interests, including camping and fishing; she played third base on a Stafford County softball team and enjoyed riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle, often participating in fundraising rides; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Stafford High School, where she studied cosmetology, Debbie Cox worked as a beautician for several years before opening her own business in Stafford County, Cox's Hair and Tan; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Debbie Cox was a member of Falmouth Baptist Church for most of her life; she was active in many church activities, including Vacation Bible School, the church choir, Acteens, and praise groups; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Cox was a talented pianist and had served as accompanist for the Falmouth Baptist Church Junior Children's Choir; she also was a pianist for other local churches; and

WHEREAS, faith and family helped Debbie Cox meet life's challenges, and she continued to help others even while facing her own chronic health issues; her strong spirit and her determination gave her strength throughout her life to reach out to those in need around her; and

WHEREAS, the courage and bravery that Debbie Cox displayed will be long remembered by her family and friends who will miss her dearly; she is survived by her children, Hillary and Bethaney, and their families; her parents, Gloria and Lloyd; and by many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a courageous and loving mother and friend, Debra Chittum Cox; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Debra Chittum Cox as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.