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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 400

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Celebrating the life of Barbara Curtis.

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WHEREAS, Barbara Curtis, a loving mother and well-known author in Loudoun County, died on October 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, originally from California, Barbara Curtis cultivated her own life experiences into a passion for motherhood, education, and Christianity; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Barbara Curtis sought to help others by sharing her insights on the importance of faith in family and culture; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Curtis trained to become a Montessori teacher, a type of teacher devoted to supporting a child's natural psychological development; and

WHEREAS, later using her Montessori training to homeschool her 12 children, Barbara Curtis became an inspiration to her friends and neighbors; she began a long and prolific writing career to pass along her parenting knowledge; and

WHEREAS, building an impressive catalog of nine books and over 900 articles in 70 different publications, Barbara Curtis earned a reputation as an expert on parenting and Christian living; and

WHEREAS, many followers of her blog, Mommy Life, credit Barbara Curtis with helping them to "grow up" and to find purpose in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Curtis raised four children with Down syndrome, three of whom were adopted, and became a fierce advocate for children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Curtis is survived and fondly remembered by her best friend and husband, Tripp; her 12 children, in whom she took great pride, and their families; and many other family members, friends and fans; 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 devoted mother, a respected author, and an inspirational member of the Loudoun County community, Barbara Curtis; and, be it

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

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