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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

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*Celebrating the life of Ruth Jones Herrink.*

Patrons—Ransone; Senator: Stuart

WHEREAS, Ruth Jones Herrink of King George County, who became publisher of *The Journal* newspaper after a career in public service and worked ceaselessly for the betterment of the county, died on October 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Herrink was fully engaged in running the newspaper from 1984, when she purchased *The Journal* after seeing it advertised for sale, until she died; she always strove for *The Journal* to be a forum for the community; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Herrink had an inquiring mind and was constantly interested in new projects, always looking for ways to advance her community; she received telephone calls daily, and many visitors wanted to discuss ways to enrich King George County, its residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, she played a prominent role in the construction of a building that was used as an urgent care medical center; Ruth Herrink also was involved with Historyland Memorial Park, the Dahlgren Heritage Foundation and Museum, the Love Thy Neighbor Community Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, before embarking on a second career in journalism, Ruth Herrink was the director of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, serving under three governors; she was also a member of the Richmond City Council in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Herrink will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her daughters, Sarah, Beverly, and Jessica, and their families, and by her children's father, Louis; 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 Ruth Jones Herrink, a dedicated public servant, hard-working journalist, and force for good in King George County; 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 Ruth Jones Herrink as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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