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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5176

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Celebrating the life of Karen Edgar Beauchamp.

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WHEREAS, Karen Edgar Beauchamp, a respected professional in the health care field and a dedicated community leader in Virginia Beach, died on August 6, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Karen Beauchamp was raised in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and attended Ridge High School; she earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and graduated from the New York Hospital School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, after marrying her husband, Robert, Karen Beauchamp traveled with him to United States Navy postings throughout the country, becoming an active member of each community she joined before settling in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, working to ensure the well-being of her fellow residents, Karen Beauchamp served on numerous councils and committees at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, and she was appointed to the Medical Assistance Services Board by Governor James S. Gilmore III; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of exercising one's civic duty, Karen Beauchamp served as the two-time chair of the Republican Party of Virginia Beach (RPVB), the two-time president of the Virginia Beach Republican Women's Club, and a member of the Second District Republican Committee and Virginia Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, Karen Beauchamp earned many awards and accolades for her good work, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Virginia State Board of Education and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the RPVB; and

WHEREAS, Karen Beauchamp enjoyed fellowship and worship as an active member of Community United Methodist Church, where she served on the board of trustees for many years; and

WHEREAS, Karen Beauchamp will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her loving husband of 44 years, Robert; children, Kristin and Melissa, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Karen Edgar Beauchamp, an active and devoted member of the Virginia Beach community; 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 Karen Edgar Beauchamp as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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