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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5200

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*Celebrating the life of Katherine S. Beyer.*

Patrons—Hope; Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Saslaw

WHEREAS, Katherine S. Beyer, a hardworking and beloved member of the Fairfax community who brought joy into the lives of others, died on June 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, born in Trieste, Italy, Katherine "Kathy" S. Beyer moved to Washington, D.C., and was a member of the inaugural class of the Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities, a special education program for children with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Beyer worked for the Arlington Special Occupational Center, where she advocated for the well-being of her fellow workers; she later joined the family car dealership, Don Beyer Volvo, in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Beyer believed in the importance of exercising one's civic duty and proudly volunteered her time with numerous election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, striving to enhance the community, Kathy Beyer served as the president of People First, a nonprofit, self-advocacy group for individuals with intellectual disabilities; she was well known for her passionate and moving speeches on the subject; and

WHEREAS, admired for her sense of humor, joyful singing voice, kindness, and honesty, Kathy Beyer will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Katherine S. Beyer, an active and beloved member of the Fairfax 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 Katherine S. Beyer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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