SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5065

Celebrating the life of Jodi S. Gidley.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 18, 2014 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, September 18, 2014

WHEREAS, Jodi S. Gidley, a loving and cherished wife, mother, leader, and friend passed away in Virginia Beach on July 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and resided in Virginia Beach, where she and her husband raised their two daughters; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh and received a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Old Dominion University and was recently awarded the Old Dominion University Distinguished Alumni Award; and

WHEREAS, having served nearly 30 years at AGL Resources, including roles as director of financial planning and budgets and vice president of operations, Jodi Gidley was recognized for her dedication and strong business acumen and named the first female senior vice president, Mid-Atlantic Operations, for AGL Resources and president of Virginia Natural Gas, Elizabethtown Gas, and Elkton Gas; and

WHEREAS, during her business career, Jodi Gidley contributed greatly to the development of energy infrastructure, helping to plan and shepherd the development of major natural gas pipeline projects to serve Virginia customers; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley made valuable contributions to the Commonwealth through her service on the Governor's Commission on Climate Change, the Coal & Energy Commission, and the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University, her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley was a respected leader in the community, serving on several boards, including the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, and numerous other nonprofits and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Jodi Gidley's commitment, leadership, and personal involvement, the Virginia Natural Gas team has left an indelible mark on the Hampton Roads region through charitable and philanthropic activities, including Special Olympics Virginia, March of Dimes, The Salvation Army, and United Way; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley's generosity was evident, even in her passing, because she chose to give life to others by being an organ donor; and

WHEREAS, Jodi Gidley will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her high school sweetheart and husband of nearly 25 years, Jeffrey S. Gidley, and their daughters, of whom she was extremely proud, Megan and Sarah, as well as countless business colleagues and community 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 Jodi S. Gidley, wife, mother, friend, and community leader in Virginia Beach; and, be it

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