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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 689

Celebrating the life of Fannie Gunst Straus Rosenthal.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 23, 2015
Agreed to by the Senate, January 29, 2015

WHEREAS, Fannie Gunst Straus Rosenthal of Richmond, a loving wife, mother, and friend, whose philanthropy supported numerous organizations, institutions, and schools in the greater metropolitan area, died on November 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, Fannie Rosenthal moved to Richmond when she was four years old and was proud to be a lifelong resident of Virginia's capital city; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Rosenthal's roots in Richmond ran deep; she and her husband, Gilbert, graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, and her father and her husband both graduated from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, together with her husband, Fannie Rosenthal strove to make Richmond a better place; more than 90 organizations in the Richmond region have been beneficiaries of the couple's philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages have been recipients of the generosity of Fannie and Gilbert Rosenthal; she was a staunch supporter of places such as the Children's Museum of Richmond, Beth Sholom Lifecare Community, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Richmond, where the couple helped to endow a chair in Jewish and Christian Studies; and

WHEREAS, having known each other since childhood, Fannie and Gilbert Rosenthal began dating when they were teenagers and were married soon after World War II; they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Rosenthal traveled extensively with her friends and family; she stayed active with golf and tennis, and dearly enjoyed card games; she also led exercise classes at Westminster-Canterbury Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Rosenthal touched the lives of many individuals as a friend and as a caring benefactor of many organizations working to improve the Richmond area and the lives of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Rosenthal will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Gilbert; children, Jerry, Jean, Tom, and Nancy, 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 a loving mother and friend who was a generous benefactor of the community, Fannie Gunst Straus Rosenthal; 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 Fannie Gunst Straus Rosenthal as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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