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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 233**

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3 *Celebrating the life of Carol Capó.*4  
Patrons—Yancey and BaCote5  
6 WHEREAS, Carol Capó of Hampton, a former opinion editor for the *Daily Press* newspaper, a  
7 passionate advocate for the value that public art brings to cities, a former grant writer and consultant, an  
8 active community volunteer, and a devoted wife and mother, died on January 29, 2015; and9 WHEREAS, Carol Capó was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia, and attended The College of  
10 William and Mary, where she earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees; and11 WHEREAS, earlier in her career, Carol Capó had served as director for grants and research at The  
12 Mariners' Museum and Park, and she also had worked as a freelance grant writer and was a consultant  
13 to educators; and14 WHEREAS, for 10 years, Carol Capó was a member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Press* in  
15 Newport News, eventually becoming opinion editor; she possessed a sharp wit, noble heart, and fearless  
16 courage in writing about controversial and important issues; and17 WHEREAS, in her newspaper work, Carol Capó was known as a fact-finding journalist who was  
18 greatly admired for her skill at clearly defining the essence of issues or situations, and her objective  
19 reporting; and20 WHEREAS, Carol Capó left the newspaper business to follow her passion—a love of art—and she  
21 worked to encourage communities to invest in public art; she spent 10 years as executive director of the  
22 Newport News Public Art Foundation; and23 WHEREAS, during Carol Capó's tenure with the public art foundation, many pieces of sculpture  
24 were installed in Newport News, including "Handshake," a prominent cast aluminum work that is  
25 situated in a traffic circle in the busy Oyster Point business district; and26 WHEREAS, Carol Capó was an advocate for the civic value of art in urban places; she  
27 wholeheartedly believed that public art made a city an attractive and appealing place, providing beauty  
28 and joy—and perhaps moments of perplexity and deep contemplation—to residents and visitors; and29 WHEREAS, many organizations benefited from Carol Capó's involvement, including the altar guild  
30 of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the Junior League of Hampton Roads, where she was a sustaining  
31 member; she also served on several boards related to education and the arts; and32 WHEREAS, Carol Capó, who was predeceased by her husband, Stephen, will be greatly missed and  
33 fondly remembered by her daughter, Katherine, and by many other family members and friends; now,  
34 therefore, be it35 RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Carol Capó of  
36 Hampton, who was a former opinion editor for the *Daily Press* newspaper, a passionate advocate for the  
37 value that public art brings to cities, a former grant writer and consultant, an active community  
38 volunteer, and a devoted wife and mother; and, be it39 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution  
40 for presentation to the family of Carol Capó as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her  
41 memory.

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