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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277

Offered February 23, 2015

Celebrating the life of Constance Violet Glenn Allen.

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WHEREAS, Constance Violet Glenn Allen of Chesapeake, an award-winning public affairs director for WAVY-TV, a leader in many community and civic organizations in Hampton Roads, and a devoted mother, died on February 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Constance "Connie" Violet Glenn Allen was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and attended the city's public schools; she enrolled at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and received a bachelor's degree from North Carolina College, now North Carolina Central University; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen earned a master's degree from Indiana University and pursued doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen worked for WAVY-TV in Hampton Roads as public affairs director and as the producer of "Bottom Line," a show that featured interviews of and discussion of current affairs by community leaders, local political officials, educators, clergy, and others; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at WAVY-TV, Connie Allen was executive producer of "Kid Talk," an educational show for children, and she helped implement the Young Achiever program, which recognized outstanding young people from throughout Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of many local and national accolades and broadcasting awards during her career, Connie Allen was a longtime officer of the National Broadcast Association for Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, community involvement was important to Connie Allen; she served as president of the Chesapeake - Virginia Beach Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, of which she was a life member, and as president of the Norfolk Chapter of The Links, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen was the first black president of the Indian River Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association, the Girl Scout Council of Greater Tidewater, now the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast, and the YWCA South Hampton Roads; she also was the first black woman to chair the Chesapeake Housing and Redevelopment Authority; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen contributed her time and expertise to the United Way of South Hampton Roads, the Governor's School for the Arts, the I. Sherman Greene Chorale, Inc., and many other civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her children, Jennifer and David, and their families, and by many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Constance Violet Glenn Allen of Chesapeake, an award-winning public affairs director for WAVY-TV, a leader in many community and civic organizations in Hampton Roads, and a devoted mother; 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 Constance Violet Glenn Allen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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