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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 221

Offered January 28, 2016

Celebrating the life of Mary Eileen Dubus Schindel.

Patrons—Cox, Aird, Carr, Ingram, Loupassi, Robinson and Ware; Senators: Chase, Dance and Sturtevant

WHEREAS, Mary Eileen Dubus Schindel, a highly admired small business owner and beloved member of the Chester community, died on December 27, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schindel was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006 and received bone marrow transplants in 2006 and 2010; her optimism and spirit was an inspiration to her fellow patients and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, well-known for her stylish fashion sense and love of eye-catching jewelry, Mary Schindel opened her own boutique, Just the Thing, in Chester in 2007; the store moved to its current location in Chester Village in 2009 and was renamed She Chester; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schindel was a passionate advocate for small business owners, and her story of success as an entrepreneur in the face of personal adversity gained national recognition; she hosted visits from prominent public figures, such as former Senator George Allen and Ann Romney at the boutique; and

WHEREAS, working to enhance the quality of life of all community members in need, Mary Schindel donated her time and leadership to several worthwhile civic organizations, including the Junior Federated Women's Club of Chester, Chester Cotillion, and The Doorways; and

WHEREAS, Mary Schindel will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Paul; children, Connor, Rory, Neil, and Bridget; parents, Michael and Catherine; 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 Mary Eileen Dubus Schindel, an entrepreneur and community leader in Chester; 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 Mary Eileen Dubus Schindel as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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