HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

Celebrating the life of Geraldine Hankins Sword.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 15, 2016 Agreed to by the Senate, January 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Geraldine Hankins Sword, a beloved mother and friend, a hardworking member of the Bristol community, and a member of the local electoral board who encouraged others to do their civic duty, died on October 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Belfast, Virginia, Geraldine Sword worked in the banking industry for more than 20 years, and she offered her financial expertise to the Bristol Virginia Republican Committee as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Sword also helped ensure that local elections ran smoothly as a member of the Bristol Electoral Board; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband, Roy, and son, Lynn, Geraldine Sword will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Rita and James, 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 Geraldine Hankins Sword, an active member of the Bristol community; 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 Geraldine Hankins Sword as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.