

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

Celebrating the life of Antoinette Poulson Williams.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 26, 2016
Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2016

WHEREAS, Antoinette Poulson Williams of Suffolk, a devoted wife and mother who became an emergency room nurse after raising her family and who was an active volunteer in the community and a person of great faith, died on January 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Williams was born in Suffolk and graduated from Suffolk High School; she later enrolled at the Obici School of Practical Nursing, and when she graduated in 1969, she received the Business and Professional Woman's Club Award for Outstanding Nursing Achievement; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and compassionate health care provider, Antoinette Williams worked as an emergency room nurse at Obici Hospital until she was 80; she made an art form of assisting people in need of emergency care; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from nursing, Antoinette Williams, who was a longtime volunteer for many community organizations, continued to work as a volunteer in the hospital auxiliary's gift shop; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Williams gave back to her community in many ways; she was a member of the Suffolk Woman's Club for 64 years and served as its president from 1988 through 1992; she also belonged to the Pilot Club of Suffolk, the Suffolk chapter of AARP, and the Suffolk Art League; and

WHEREAS, other organizations that benefited from Antoinette Williams' advice and guidance were the Suffolk Sister Cities organization and the Suffolk Christian Woman's Club; additionally, she served as a senior intern to the Honorable Norman Sisisky, a former member of Virginia's Congressional Delegation; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Williams was a devoted member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Suffolk; she joined the church in 1943 and served in many capacities, including as a member of a committee that published a book about the church's stained glass windows; and

WHEREAS, Antoinette Williams was predeceased by Howard, her loving husband of 64 years; sons, Craig and Bruce; and grandson, Timothy; she will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her children, Joan and Ronald, and their families; and many 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 Antoinette Poulson Williams of Suffolk, a loving wife and mother, a dedicated emergency room nurse, an active volunteer in many community organizations, and a woman of great faith; 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 Antoinette Poulson Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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