

2016 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 467

Celebrating the life of Stephanie Rochon.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 9, 2016

Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, Stephanie Rochon, a popular and longtime television news anchor in Richmond, a passionate advocate for breast cancer awareness and prevention, and a devoted wife and mother, died on June 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tacoma, Washington, Stephanie Rochon was reared in a military family and lived in many places in the United States and overseas as she grew up; she earned a bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and began her career in journalism by working for a radio station; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Rochon then became interested in television broadcast news; she worked as a reporter and anchor for a television station in Austin, Texas, before joining Richmond's WTVR-TV television station in 1999; and

WHEREAS, with an infectious smile and warm greetings to all with whom she came in contact, Stephanie Rochon was a highly regarded journalist who was known for her pleasant demeanor and friendliness on and off the air; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working as a news anchor for WTVR-TV, Stephanie Rochon was responsible for Buddy Check 6, a monthly award-winning broadcast that provided information about breast health and breast cancer; her mother is a breast cancer survivor, and Stephanie Rochon focused on making people more knowledgeable about breast disease; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Rochon worked hard to reach underserved communities in the Richmond area as she reported for the Buddy Check 6 program; she reached out to black women, especially those who live in low-income areas, to make them aware of breast health and breast cancer prevention; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Rochon will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her husband, Jeff Moten; children, Miles and Pierce; and many other family members, friends, and viewers of WTVR-TV news; 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 Stephanie Rochon, a news anchor for WTVR-TV and a determined and effective advocate for breast cancer awareness and prevention; 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 Stephanie Rochon as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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