

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 724

Celebrating the life of Leslie Gilliam.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2017
Agreed to by the Senate, January 26, 2017

WHEREAS, Leslie Gilliam of Keswick, a devoted community activist and a beloved wife, mother, and friend to many, died on December 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jonesville, Leslie Gilliam learned the value of hard work and responsibility while working on her family's dairy farm and caring for her younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Gilliam was a passionate lifelong learner who attended the University of Virginia and earned a bachelor's degree from James Madison University and a master's degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Leslie Gilliam and her husband, Richard, settled in Abingdon to raise their family; she was a vibrant member of the community and was active with the Barter Theatre, the William King Museum of Art, and the American Cancer Society, for which she helped organize the first Relay For Life in Abingdon; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Gilliam relocated to Charlottesville in 2001 and engaged with the community there through the United Methodist Church, the Paramount Theater, the Covenant School, the University of Virginia Cancer Center, and Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Gilliam lived her faith through her actions and worked to instill in her children and others the importance of humility, philanthropy, and compassion for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Gilliam will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Richard; her children, Baxter, Julia, and Anna; 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 Leslie Gilliam; 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 Leslie Gilliam as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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