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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 463

Offered February 23, 2017

Celebrating the life of Nola Ann DeStephen.

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WHEREAS, Nola Ann DeStephen, a beloved mother and a unique member of the Richmond community, who throughout her life worked as an educator, a private investigator, a real estate agent, and a model, died on February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wynne, Arkansas, Nola DeStephen learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age and helped support her family by picking cotton; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 17, Nola DeStephen was the runner-up in the Miss Cross County beauty pageant, then worked at the First National Bank of Wynne, before moving to Mountain Home, Arkansas, on the day she turned 18; and

WHEREAS, Nola DeStephen attended Arkansas State University and managed a dress boutique in Mountain Home's main square; she later became one of the first women in Arkansas to receive a private investigator's license; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1979, Nola DeStephen was one of only two female agents working for three high-risk security and investigative agencies in Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee; she was one of the top agents for all three companies, working as a bodyguard, a plainclothes guard for high-end hotels, and an undercover investigator; and

WHEREAS, while raising her family, Nola DeStephen became a real estate agent to help provide better opportunities for her children; she also worked as a substitute teacher, and at the age of 57, she began a modeling career; and

WHEREAS, one of Nola DeStephen's photos was purchased by Walmart for display in its pharmacy sections, including the Walmart in her hometown of Wynne, a point of pride for her family; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Nola DeStephen moved to Ashland, then settled in Richmond's West End; throughout her life, she was guided by her deep faith, and she enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Nola DeStephen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Raymond; children, Hannah and Hunter, their families, and their father, Craig Huber; her stepchildren, Daniel, Dena, and Derek, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Nola Ann DeStephen, a vibrant member of the Richmond community and a beloved mother; 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 Nola Ann DeStephen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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