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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 343

Offered February 22, 2018

Celebrating the life of Christine Richmond Cottey.

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Christine Richmond Cottey, a devoted wife and mother and a respected veterinarian with a passion for animal care, died on December 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Harrisonburg in 1970, Christine Cottey developed a love of animals at a young age and later attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree and a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, a talented veterinarian, Christine Cottey worked at animal hospitals across the Commonwealth and was most recently the veterinary director at the Animal Welfare League of Arlington; as the League's first shelter veterinarian and surgery specialist, she helped it achieve new standards of excellence in animal medical care; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Christine Cottey won the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Animal Services Committee's Veterinarian Award in recognition of her commitment to animal welfare; and

WHEREAS, outside of her 21-year career in veterinary medicine, Christine Cottey was an excellent cook who enjoyed swimming and spending time with her family; an avid runner, she competed in several endurance races, including the Marine Corps Marathon; and

WHEREAS, a woman of strong faith, Christine Cottey enjoyed fellowship and worship at Alexandria Presbyterian Church, where she was active in several ministries; and

WHEREAS, Christine Cottey will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Tal; son, Peyton; father, Art Richmond; mother and stepfather, Diane and Jim Dennison; and countless other family members, friends, and residents of Arlington County; 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 Christine Richmond Cottey, a skilled veterinarian who devoted her career to helping animals; 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 Christine Richmond Cottey as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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