

## 2018 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 124

*Celebrating the life of Grace Justice Keen.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Grace Justice Keen of Smithfield, a retired real estate professional who enhanced the quality of life in Isle of Wight County by leading beautification efforts, died on February 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mecklenburg County, Grace Keen relocated to Isle of Wight County, where she lived for more than 50 years and worked as a real estate broker; and

WHEREAS, a visionary community developer and an active volunteer, Grace Keen inspired her fellow residents to help make Isle of Wight a better place; she played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Isle of Wight Citizens Association and served as its president for almost 40 years; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the Isle of Wight County Beautification Committee, Grace Keen helped plant crepe myrtle trees throughout the community, and she was also well-known for her work with the Isle of Wight Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Grace Keen earned many awards and accolades for her generous community service, including an Arbor Day Foundation Award and the Grace Keen Distinguished Community Service Award, presented by the Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce and the Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by her husband of 71 years, Carroll, Grace Keen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children, Carroll, Jr., Brenda, Carolyn, and Ruth, 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 Grace Justice Keen, who made many contributions to the residents of Isle of Wight County; 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 Grace Justice Keen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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