

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

Celebrating the life of Martha Howard Patten.

Agreed to by the House, February 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Martha Howard Patten, a vibrant member of the Newport News and Williamsburg communities who brought joy to others with her zest for life, died on October 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Scarsdale, New York, Martha "Marty" Howard Patten graduated from The Knox School in New York and attended Mary Baldwin College; she met her husband, Donald, while he was a law student at the University of Virginia, and the couple settled in Newport News, where they lived for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Marty Patten enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a longtime member of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church in Newport News, where she served as a deacon; she was active with the Junior League of Hampton Roads and could often be found with a Bible study group at Huntington Garden Club, where she served for two years as club president; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Williamsburg in 2002, Marty Patten became a charter member of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Williamsburg; she offered her wise leadership to the organization as a board member and helped organize the annual Teddy Bear Tea to support children in the community; and

WHEREAS, Marty Patten was passionate about gardening, art, and history, and she helped bring the early days of the nation to life as a docent at Colonial Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, Marty Patten's greatest joy in life was her family, and she relished spending time with her children and grandchildren; she will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her beloved husband of 49 years, Donald; her children, Brooks and Brad, 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 Martha Howard Patten, a beloved member of the Newport News and Williamsburg communities; 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 Martha Howard Patten as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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