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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 814

Offered February 5, 2019

Celebrating the life of Cynthia Lynn Piazza.

Patrons—Cox; Senator: Chase

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WHEREAS, Cynthia Lynn Piazza, a highly admired educator who touched countless lives in the Chesterfield community and helped her students achieve success both in and out of the classroom, died on October 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Wilmington, Delaware, Cynthia Piazza attended Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke and subsequently graduated from the University of Delaware, where she was founding member of the university's Sigma Kappa sorority chapter; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Piazza worked as an educator for more than two decades, including 14 years as a Title I math specialist at Harrowgate Elementary School in Chester; she took a special interest in elevating and supporting underprivileged students and was named the 2010 Elementary School Teacher of the Year by Chesterfield County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, an avid runner, Cynthia Piazza completed 29 full marathons, including races in Boston, Chicago, and New York City, as well as the Marine Corps Marathon and 13 Richmond marathons; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Piazza shared her passion for physical fitness with Hopewell elementary school students through the Greater Richmond Fit4Kids program, and her Kids Run RVA team raised \$4,000 to support youth running clubs in the area; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Piazza inspired others through her passion, grace, positivity, and willingness to treat every challenge as an opportunity for self-improvement; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Piazza will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband, Michael; her son, Matthew; her parents, Joseph and Rose; 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 Cynthia Lynn Piazza, an educator and a beloved member of the Chesterfield community; 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 Cynthia Lynn Piazza as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.