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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 839

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Celebrating the life of Krissia Ansara Henderson Burrus.

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Bourne, Carr, Delaney, Hope, Kory, Landes, Rasoul, Rodman and Ware; Senators: Ebbin, McClellan and Spruill

WHEREAS, Krissia Ansara Henderson Burrus, a beloved member of the Chester community who touched countless lives through her grace and generosity, died on August 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Krissia Henderson Burrus grew up in nearby South Euclid, where she developed a passion for gymnastics and joined her first cheerleading squad at the age of 10; and

WHEREAS, in high school, Krissia Henderson Burrus was one of the few ninth-grade students at Brush High School to join the varsity cheerleading squad, and she participated in numerous competitions and a memorable performance at Cleveland Browns Stadium during halftime of a National Football League game; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Krissia Henderson Burrus relocated to Chester with her family and finished high school at Thomas Dale High School, where she served as captain of the football and basketball cheerleading teams; and

WHEREAS, Krissia Henderson Burrus began attending Virginia Union University in 2016; as a criminal justice major, she shadowed a police officer and conducted coursework at the police academy to further her goal of making the community safer and stronger as a law-enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Krissia Henderson Burrus was a trusted mentor to her peers, always willing to help with anything from academics to personal issues; she generously supported clothing drives, holiday gift programs, and food pantries; and

WHEREAS, Krissia Henderson Burrus will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous 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 Krissia Ansara Henderson Burrus; 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 Krissia Ansara Henderson Burrus as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.