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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 298

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Celebrating the life of Bellamy Malaki Gamboa.

Patrons—Convirs-Fowler, Adams, D.M., Cole, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Kory, Lindsey, Rasoul, Reid, Stolle, Turpin and Ware

WHEREAS, Bellamy Malaki Gamboa, a vibrant member of the Hampton Roads community and a devoted mother, daughter, and sister, died in 2018; and

WHEREAS, born to a military family, Bellamy Gamboa spent much of her early life in Japan, where her father was stationed with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Bellamy Gamboa graduated from Nile C. Kinnick High School in Yokosuka, Japan, where she had made many lifelong friendships and cultivated her passion for music and singing; and

WHEREAS, Bellamy Gamboa served her country as a member of the United States Air Force, then returned to the Commonwealth, where she had deep family roots, and worked for the international shipping firm CMA CGM as an import customer service representative for the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Bellamy Gamboa subsequently worked for Livingston International in Norfolk and had been pursuing a degree at Tidewater Community College with a goal of becoming a licensed customs broker; and

WHEREAS, a proud mother who was deeply involved in the lives of her children, Bellamy Gamboa served as a team mom for her older son's baseball team and often invited friends and co-workers to her daughter's dance recitals; and

WHEREAS, Bellamy Gamboa's family members established the 4Bellamy campaign in her honor to raise awareness of the warning signs for domestic violence and support other women in the community who may be at risk for domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Bellamy Gamboa will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her four beloved children 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 Bellamy Malaki Gamboa; 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 Bellamy Malaki Gamboa as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for her memory.

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